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KHOEKHOE POTS DISCOVERED NEAR PRINCE ALBERT



Gareth Williams removing the Khoekhoe pots from the loose soil on Waterkop (Photo: Gareth Williams)

Two pots of typical Khoekhoe (Hottentot) type, one intact and containing a dark glistening substance, the other broken into a number of large and small fire-blackened shards, were discovered in late December by Gareth Williams of Prince Albert. They had eroded out of a natural drainage channel on the Waterkop smallholdings adjacent to the town. A day or two before Christmas, it had rained heavily in Prince Albert, and the run-off and rain between them had further exposed and washed the dust off the pots, a process probably on-going since the pots were first cached there by a Khoe man or woman many long years ago.

The intact pot was found lying on its side and buried, with just its opening above the soil with the closed end facing upstream. The protruding portion of the pot retains the original reddish colour of its outer surface, but any colour on the buried part of the pot has been leached away by groundwater and damp soil. The second pot was found

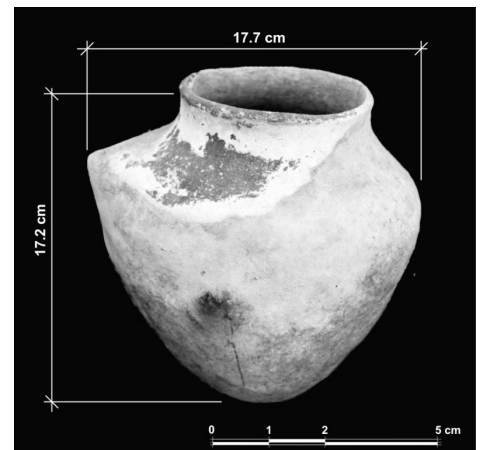
next to the intact pot, with most of the shards lying nearby, showing that little disturbance has taken place since the pot was placed there. Any strong current of water or trampling by sheep would disperse small pottery fragments downslope, suggesting that the shards have not been exposed for any length of time. Neither pot is decorated.

Gareth removed the pots from the soft sandy soil. He and his friend, Willem Mathee, a student at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, brought the pots to me at Scholtzkloof for further information. I was thrilled to see the pots, because in 45 years of association with caves and cave deposits, archaeology, archaeologists, digs and museums I have never before experienced the discovery of an intact Khoe pot, let alone one with special contents. Enquiries at the Iziko Museum in Cape Town revealed that despite being the oldest museum in South Africa, with a history of collection going back almost 200 years, the archaeological collection of Khoe pots numbers only 34, and of these, only 4 are recorded as being complete. The Prince Albert Khoe pot is very special!

Pot No 1

This is a medium-sized squat pot measuring 17.2cm from rim to bottom with the pointed base typical of Khoekhoe pottery. Only one of the Iziko Khoe pots has a flat base. It does not have reinforced pierced lugs through which ropes or thongs were threaded and knotted, for hanging and transport. The thin fired pottery is tempered with what appears to be finely crushed quartz grit to prevent cracking.

My geologist husband, John Begg, took one look at the glistening contents and said: "Magnetite". A quick test with a small horseshoe-shaped magnet proved him correct: the dark mineral jumped spectacularly onto the magnet exactly as



Khoe pot, showing pointed base and asymmetric shoulder. (Photo: Gareth Williams)

in the classic magnetic field demonstration using iron filings. For what reason did the Khoe person or people cache it?

Early travellers have recorded the Khoekhoe custom of smearing themselves with glistening mineral substances mixed with animal fat and sprinkling and rubbing it into their hair to make it shine. In particular, this practice referred to specularite, an even shinier form of iron ore, known by the Tswana as 'sebilo'. Both substances were traded and used to mark the body for certain rituals.

A study of the available literature revealed that magnetite cached and buried in clay pots and ostrich eggshell flasks have been found from Namibia to the Western Cape, along the southern Cape coast and inland. Only two of the 34 Iziko pots are recorded as having had

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The Good and the Bad

We hope you enjoy this edition of the *Friend*. The remarkable archaeological find on Waterkop by Gareth Williams always had to be our front page story this month. At the same time there are other good news stories, the progress with the Sonneblom Kiddies College, *kykNet Kokkedoor's* contribution to our town, the revamped Olive Festival and the Fernskloof Trail Run, residents contributing to the improvement of neighbourhoods and to the wellbeing of the aged, to name a few. But, we are reminded too of the darker side of life in Prince Albert and in our country – the horrific violence against women and children - and of the much-quoted statement “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

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A Christian Perspective: The season of Lent

On 13 February the 40 day journey towards Easter started in the Christian Church. It was the beginning of Lent - and as with all new beginnings, opportunities abound.

The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer, through prayer, penance, repentance, almsgiving, and self-denial, for the great festival of Easter. The earliest reference to such a season is from the Canons of Nicea (325 CE). During Lent, many of the faithful commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penitence. In Rio de Janeiro the Mardi Gras carnival took place and in many Church Halls and homes around the world pancakes were served on Shrove Tuesday, the day preceding the season of Lent. A final feast before the fast.

For some Christians Lent is a time of going without some treat or vice and giving the money saved to charity. You might well remember the Mayor of the

French village in the film *Chocolat*, who took fasting to a new level.

June Mack Maffin is an Anglican priest living in Canada whose book *Soulistry – Artistry of the Soul*, will be part of my reading during Lent. She has an alternative approach towards Lent and a blessing for all of us at this time:

“Unlike many of my friends and colleagues, I'm not ‘giving up’ anything for Lent. Rather I am ‘taking on’ ways to nurture my spirituality. I'll spend more time in prayer, silence, creativity and writing in my journal. I'll do things that nurture / nourish / challenge / enrich my spirituality, as that, for me, is part of what Lent is all about.

“Whether you observe Lent or don't, may the forty days until the 31st of March be holy, life-affirming, and soul-refreshing in ways you can't even begin to imagine.”

- Ailsa Tudhope -

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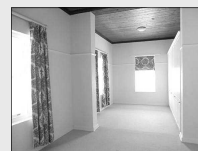
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The Thursday Group is very grateful for donations we are given by residents of Prince Albert.

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Thank you, you have helped us to help others.

Ione Auerswald

High praise for painted bins

My husband and I recently spent a few hours in Prince Albert and ended up having lunch. Unfortunately, being a Saturday, everything was closed, so we soon left. We would love to visit again one day and spend more time.

The thing that impressed us most of all, other than a clean, well looked after town, were the large numbers of painted rubbish bins.

What a beautiful idea! You deserve full marks for the thought that went into these bins and taking a mundane thing like a rubbish bin and making it into a piece of art. As it was raining, we couldn't really walk around the town in

comfort, so drove all along the street, taking photographs of every single bin!

We particularly loved the 'Karoo Olive' bin outside African Relish; the play of letters on Koo tinned goods was just brilliant!

Well done and congratulations on a lovely town.

*Heidi Davies
Durbanville*

Terugblik met Dank

Liewe Vriende, met 'n jaar verby sedert ons na Robertson verhuis het, het ons 'n nog beter perspektief om regtig te waardeer en dankie te sê vir drie-en-veertig jaar se lief en leed saam met soveel van julle op Prince Albert. Ons glo die tyd was vir ons ryp vir die verandering wat ons gemaak het en ons was nog nie een maal spyt dat ons dit gedoen het nie. Die Here het ons hier geseën met nuwe vriende, nuwe geleenthede en mooi belewenisse. Ons woon gelukkig!

Maar, die kerkklok se gereelde slag, veral in die stilte van die nag; die suide-wind wat tier op die warm someraande en lafenis bring; die vriendelike kabbel van die waterstroom langs die strate; die son se opkoms en ondergang wat saam met die seisoene skuif van Oukloof se

berg na Drie Riviere se rantjies; Swartberg se sneeubedekte spitse en die geur van rose en die smaak van die soetste vrugte uit ons tuin: dit is enkele herinneringe wat ons altyd aan Prince Albert sal bind.

Vriendskappe groei oor jare. Ons is ryk aan vele Prince Albert-vriende en mis julle. Dankie vir jul insette in ons en ons kinders se lewens. Ons bly graag in kontak en deel steeds in jul werklikhede.

Ons bid julle die Here se seën toe.

*Pieter en Susan Viljoen
Robertson*

Auditor-General's demands on Municipality unnecessary

Far be it from me to rain on the municipality's parade (*P A Friend* Jan 2013: PA: Most Improved Municipality...). It is entitled to whatever awards it can garner, and I am second to none in my admiration for its financial staff.

But let's not confuse good housekeeping with effective service delivery. Readers may be interested to know that when the Auditor-General (A-G) visited our chambers to confer this award, I asked him about the methodology he used to audit the Municipality's Performance Report (which is available to any resident).

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His memorable answer was that it was "too difficult to explain".

I later wrote to the Municipal Manager to ask him to ask the A-G to reconsider my request and provide his response in writing. Unsurprisingly my email went unacknowledged, let alone answered.

I am sceptical about the A-G and his infernal audits. They are unnecessary, since the financial performance of the Municipality can be adequately monitored by councillors, if they are doing their jobs, by the Audit Committee, by an internal auditor, by the Municipal Public Accounts Committee, which for reasons unclear to me still hasn't been established, and by the residents themselves, who don't need the A-G to tell them when they are being short changed.

The A-G sub-contracts the audit function to private sector auditors, and presents us with the bill – this year R1.7-m, nearly 4% of our total revenue, or over 9% of funds directly under our con-

trol. Even this prodigious sum would be worth it if it represented value for money.

But it doesn't. We pay it in order for some pampered theoreticians to give us an otiose report that tells us where we have been, but not how to get to our destination.

A clean audit is expensive to achieve and offers no guarantee of service delivery outcomes.

The Municipality is a service delivery organisation with a relatively easy job to do.

Compliance with the A-G's onerous demands is diversionary and an unwarranted interference in our Constitutional right to govern as we see fit, subject only to preferences expressed through the ballot box.

Colin Bower

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Starry Splendour over Prince Albert

The Autumn Equinox is on 20 March, after which the nights will gradually get longer than the days. In Autumn we are in the ideal situation to still enjoy the last of the summer constellations in the early evening to the North-West and already see some of the early winter constellations in the late evening in the North-East.

Make a last effort to look at the Orion Nebula with a pair of binoculars on some kind of support – it is really worthwhile.

The Orion Nebula (M42) is the fuzzy patch above the three belt stars and it can be regarded as a maternity ward of stars. The dense gas cloud that you will see is illuminated by the bright, young stars it has borne and the hydrogen gas itself is only made visible to us that way.

Can you imagine how much gas there must be so that one can actually see it? Seen through a telescope the Orion Nebula looks alive and photos from the Hubble Space Telescope show a colourful display of gas and stars.

The unilateral Summer Triangle formed by the brightest stars of the Hunter and his two hunting dogs (the red Betelgeuse, the bright Sirius and Procyon) is still up in the North-West indicating that the summer is over and that we can now admire the Autumn Constellation Leo above our heads.

Virgo is also an Autumn constellation but it is difficult to identify as it harbours only one bright star, Spica. Venus is still the bright morning star while Jupiter is acting as the evening star for the first half of the night in March.

Saturn makes its reappearance as an all night object in the constellation of Libra close to the Scorpion and although it will be at opposition to the Sun only on 28 April it will already be quite bright (mag 0,3) in March with its rings opened to 18 degrees.

The imaginary line Regulus – Saturn – Antares is part of the Ecliptic, the orbital plane of the planets around the Sun. All

the constellations of the Zodiac also lie on or close to the Ecliptic while Orion is a constellation on the Celestial Equator, which is the other imaginary line in the sky straight from east to west. The celestial equator is the projection of earth's equator extended skywards and runs approximately parallel to, and close to, Orion's belt.

New Moon is on 11 March, while Full Moon is on 27 March.

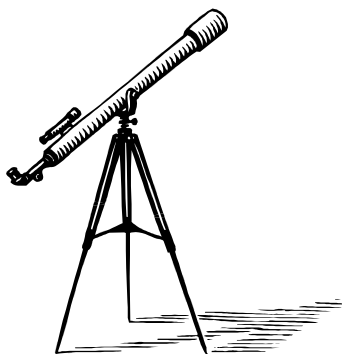
In Autumn we can also see some of the most beautiful open and globular star clusters. In Canis major, not far from the bright Sirius, is M41 and of course the Jewel Box close to Becrux must not be forgotten. If you really want to have lots of stars in your eyes look at the bright patches in the Milky Way to the right of the Southern Cross.

In the South the three crosses are again visible in all their glory above the Swartberg. The Southern Cross points the way to the South Celestial Pole, which you can find by extending the long axis of the cross four and a half times where the long axis itself already counts as one. From the South Celestial Pole drop a line vertically to the horizon to find south on Earth (behind the Swartberg.)

Extending the long axis of the Diamond Cross westwards brings you to the Large Magellanic Cloud.

Keep the stars in your eyes!

- Hans Daehne -



FUTURE EVENTS

Maart 2013

1 Maart: Wereldbiddag vir vroue, Healing & Teaching Ministries, de Witstr, 17:00

6 March: Garden Club, 11 Pastorie St, 09:00

13 Maart: Gemeenskapspolisieforum Openbare Vergadering, Sydwell Williams Sentrum, 18:00

15 Maart: Bloedskenk: NG Kerkzaal, 11:30—14:30

April 2013

29 Maart – 6 April: Absa KKNK 2013

20 April: Witblits & potjiekosaand, Fransie Pienaar Museum

26 - 28 April: 20th Prince Albert Olive Festival

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Brett the Vet - A Tinkling Cymbal

Natural virtues can be found in the least human of beings under most circumstances. We have the power to allow the strongest connections in the sentient world to manifest their life force, or looking through a glass darkly, sever the ties that bind.

Bart and Lady both know how it feels to be abandoned. Bart was rescued from an animal shelter and Lady saved from severe neglect. These dogs discovered a loving home where their romance is very clear. The pair have become inseparable. When sleeping there is always physical contact even if it's just a stretched-out paw, reassuringly touching the other. Bart is the ultimate gentleman: kind, gracious, and chivalrous. Lady is feisty, impetuous, demanding and affectionate. They complement one another in the most charming way, which enhances their relationship to the delight of their caregivers.

A typical horse farm has a prized stallion, an enforced bachelor who covers his seasonal quota of mares. Local stud Stallone, however, cohabits blissfully with life partner, Matisse. During the breeding season he goes out to flirt with other mares gallantly fulfilling his role, always returning to resume the amour. Even so, for ten years Matisse couldn't conceive, but in her twenty first year she surprised everyone by giving birth to a beautiful filly. At about this time Stallone was diagnosed with a degenerative ocular disease making him go blind, and it is strangely his daughter who, through the strength of their bond and understanding, has become his eyes.

Endearing feline heartthrob, Narcissus, gazes at his reflection in the pond ostensibly catching fish, of which there are plenty in this sea. He is compelled to turn away momentarily, grooming his gleaming coat in an act of adoration that enhances his handsome appearance. His conquests plead in vain for revelations of his mercurial soul, which lies at the heart of very deep water where even he won't venture to tackle.

The Pig is a fun and enlightening personality blessed with patience and understanding. Pigs enjoy life and all it has to offer. They are honest and thoughtful and expect the same of other Pigs. Not only intelligent

and cultured, the Pig also has a streak of bawdiness and earthiness - they delight in the stimulation of the senses. Pigs adore food, and often over indulge. Pigs are loving and loyal to their mates, and caring and considerate towards those they love. Pigs are sincere, sensitive and sweet, but naive. She allows herself to be duped easily, and is always disarmed by the bad faith of others. The Pig, defenseless, discreet and shy, will never ask anybody else for help; she'll try to get out of the crate by herself. Her reticence in this respect may do her harm, for nobody will even suspect the torment she's going through.

Motherly love is a phenomenal binding force as many mothers will affirm. After nine months' pregnancy, the infant is born into a less perfect world and very soon a strong bond grips them both. Science has proven that it's less traumatic to remove the calf from the cow before it is three days old rather than leaving them together for longer, diverting total milk yield for profit. She must go on to deliver a calf annually in order

to maintain maximum milk production for her life's duration.

Naturally free ranging hens adhere to a strict hierarchy that keeps the peace in a mutual agreement to live together harmoniously. There is no order to the pecking that ensues in the cramped battery cages where millions of hens find themselves incarcerated to produce sterile eggs with no hope of sanity. Frustrated hens resort to 'cannibalism' which is 'controlled' by searing their beaks and snipping off their toe tips on the day they hatch, vulnerable after the quiet security of the shell. The fate of these jailed birds is a damning representation of man's unmitigated greed for luxury goods.

Although *agape* love also exists in the animal world, even between species, it remains man's interpretive prerogative. If compassion means acting on feelings of empathy, human beings can improve on animals although they do not always do so.



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PRICE: R1 200 000

Perched on 2 adjacent erf's (972- and 929 SQM respectively) on the eastern outskirts of town with indigenous garden and sheltered stoep, this is an ideal country home. There are 3 comfortable bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and lounge and dining room. The spacious outbuildings with 2 garages attached add valuable space to this sizable property.



PRICE: R1 895 000

This home has it all. Settled in the quaint and historic Queekvalley with glorious views of the imposing Swartberg from two shaded verandahs, there is also the lure of a swimming pool in the irrigated garden. It has 3 bedrooms, two bathrooms plus a handy studio - and a double garage on an erf measuring 882 SQM.



PRICE: R750 000

If renovating a home here in Prince Albert is on the cards - look no further. Extensive plans by a renowned architect have already been drawn up - and there is ample space to add on. As it stands, the house has a drawing-room, one bedroom, one bathroom and a large, spacious kitchen. The perfect 'foot in the door' property!



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Ons skop in Maart af, wanneer die kolon-kankertoetse by Dr Reinders se spreekkamer gedoen word.

Gedurende Mei vind ons KANSA-Sanlam Gholfdag plaas. Kom geniet hierdie heerlike braaidag saam met ons. Baie kos vir min geld.

Junie is dit ons Koppie vir KANSA en kuier ons heerlik oor 'n koppie sop met 'n spreker of iemand wat ons vermaak.

Gedurende Junie, Julie en Augustus kom die prostaatkankertoetse aan die beurt. Dr Reinders help ons ook hier om die manne die nodige gemoedsrus te gee; dit behels slegs 'n bloedtoets.

In September word borsondersoeke en

papsmere gedoen, die papsmere moet betaal word, maar borsondersoeke is gratis.

Oktober is ons borskankerstap-maand. Ondersteun hierdie projek en smee vriendskappe terwyl daar heerlik gestap word.

Al hierdie dienste word in samewerking met Path Care (patoloë) gedoen. Maak gebruik daarvan, dis in u eie belang! Indien u enige verdere inligting verlang skakel my by 023 541 1174.

Graag wil ek van die geleentheid gebruik maak om die dames van Prince Albert en omliggend uit te nooi om by ons KANSA komitee aan te sluit.

Ons vergader die laaste Woensdag van elke maand om 10:00 in die Anglikaanse kerkzaal (St John's). Ons kuier saam en bekom die jongste inligting aangaande kanker. Daarna sluit ons af met heerlike tee en tuisgebak.

Sien julle by al die gebeurlikhede en vergaderings.

KANSA groete

Christine Snyman, KANSA Voorsitter

(Khoekoe Pots... Continued from p 1)

specularite contents. Specularite and magnetite filled pots have also been recorded from pre-Christian cairn-marked Khoi burial sites where the bodies were typically buried in a crouching or squatting position and where such pots form part of the grave goods. This attests to the ritual and social importance of the substance.

Pot No 2

This pot also had a pointed base and was about the same size and shows evidence of frequent use perhaps for cooking or rendering fat, as it is much blackened on the outside to a level about half way up the pot which is consistent with a pot standing in the hot coals and ash of a cooking fire. There might be enough carbon on the outside of the pot to be dated. The pots will become part of our museum collection.

The pots and engravings are part of a broader picture of pre-colonial occupation of Prince Albert and environs: there is a well-preserved Khoekhoe camp site with its associated stone tools and manuports and landscape scars of a sheep-kraal on adjacent Wolwekraal as well as a second even older campsite used by San people who left behind some amazing microliths (extremely small finely-flaked stone tools, often less than 2cm long) and a campsite probably also used by the Khoi more recently. These campsites can be seen on the guided walks offered by Sue and Richard Dean.

The pot discovery emphasises the need for proper Heritage and Environmental Impact Assessments to be done before development takes place. Artefacts should not be disturbed or removed but reported to the nearest museum. Together with meteorites and all gravesites, they carry legal protection in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act. Spatial relationships between artefacts and between artefacts and the landscape on which they occur are extremely important and are very easily destroyed by careless disruption or by collecting, thus causing information extinction.

Congratulations Gareth on this very interesting find!

- Judy Maguire -

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New Release - R 2,75m

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New Release - R 530 000

Lovely level 1070 m² plot in sought after de Beer Street. Established trees and shrubs.



R 1,55m

Solid family home in excellent secluded position. Large open plan living and dining area with well fitted kitchen and large pantry. Four very spacious bedrooms, separate guest toilet and family bathroom. Large well established garden with excellent views of the Swartberg mountains - single garage and two store rooms are ideal for conversion to granny flat or income producing studio!

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New Release - R 3,5m

Large historic homestead built in 1885 on 6000+m² of prime land at the southerly end of town. Main house comprises very large family kitchen and adjoining pantry/scullery, inter leading living and dining rooms with two bedrooms and bathrooms. Third bedroom currently used as study. Original barn has been converted into two very spacious and private self catering units, each with covered veranda's and access to private rock pool overlooking astonishing Karoo views. The property enjoys a generous leiwat allocation, and the dam attracts birds of many varieties. A complete haven of privacy.



New Release - R 1,495m

Victorian cottage on two plots! Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, sitting room with Jetmaster, family kitchen leading to secluded enclosed patio. Many original features including wood floors, sash windows and shutters and in places, reed and poplar beam ceilings. The separate plot has single garage and store room which could easily be converted to second dwelling. Super views from east veranda!



New Release - R 1,2m

Super traditional Karoo style home with three bedrooms, three bathrooms, formal living room, inter-leading dining room, family/TV room and sunroom! Large farm style kitchen with Oregon cupboards and wood burning stove. East and North facing covered verandahs, garden suite, store room and wonderful 595m² garden with loads of trees and nooks and crannies! Unbeatable value!



R 950 000

Very cute Karoo cottage with open plan living and entertainment areas, two bedrooms and a covered stoep. Perfect as a lock up and go, with space to add on if required. Set high up on the koppie, the views are astounding!



R 1,25m

Superb value for money in this farm yard type property on the eastern fringe of the town. Three bedrooms and two bathrooms, large open plan living area, galley style kitchen with laundry area, leading to large secluded and covered outdoor entertainment area overlooking private garden. The house has many interesting features, including Dover stove in the kitchen, and some reed and beam ceilings.



PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT

KENNISGEWING NOMMER 6/2013

PLAASLIKE OWERHEID: PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT

OPENBARE KENNISGEWING VIR DIE INSPEKSIE EN INDIEN VAN BESWARE TEEN DIE ALGEMENE WAARDASIEROL 2013

Kennis geskied hiermee kragtens die bepalings van Art 49(1)(a)(i) saamgelees met Art 78(2) van die Plaaslike Owerhede : Munisipale Eiendomsbelasting Wet van 2004 (Wet 6/2004) hierna verwys as die "Wet" dat die Algemene Waardasielys vir die boekjare 1 Julie 2013 tot 30 Junie 2017 ter insae lê vir openbare inspeksie by die onderskeie munisipale kantore. Navrae ook by die raad se e-pos adres by adminklerk@pamun.gov.za vanaf **15 Februarie 2013 tot 10 April 2013**.

Geliewe kennis te neem dat enige eienaar van vaste eiendom of enige ander persoon kragtens die bepalings van Art 49(1)(a)(ii) saamgelees met Art 78(2) van die Wet 'n beswaar binne die bovermelde periode kan indien by die Munisipale Bestuurder ten op sigte van enige aangeleentheid of uitsluitel rakende die eiendomswaardasielyste.

U aandag word spesifiek gevestig op die bepalings van Art 50(2) van die Wet wat bepaal dat 'n beswaar na 'n spesifieke eiendom moet verwys en nie na die waardasielys per sé nie.

Die beswaarvorms is beskikbaar by die Munisipale Kantore te: Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert.

Beswaarvorms is ook beskikbaar via epos: adminklerk@pamun.gov.za

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Shirley Windvool

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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE NUMBER 6/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE CALLING FOR INSPECTION AND LODGING OF OBJECTIONS OF THE GENERAL VALUATION ROLL 2013

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 49 (1) (a) (i) read together with section 78(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004), hereinafter referred to as the "Act", that the property valuation roll for the financial years 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2017 is open for public inspection at the municipal head office and its satellite offices from **15 February 2013 to 10 April 2013**.

An invitation is hereby made in terms of section 49(1)(a)(ii) read together with section 78(2) of the Act that any owner of property or other person who so desires should lodge an objection with the municipal manager in respect of any matter reflected in, or omitted from, the valuation roll within the above-mentioned period.

Attention is specifically drawn to the fact that in terms of section 50(2) of the Act an objection must be in relation to a specific individual property and not against the valuation roll as such.

The form for the lodging of an objection is obtainable at the municipal offices at the following addresses: Prince Albert Municipal Offices: 33 Church Street, Prince Albert.

The objection form is also available by email: adminklerk@pamun.gov.za

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Dinge raak w rm in die Kokkedoor-stoor



Kokkedoor se twee beoordeelaars,
Nic van Wyk en Hetta van Deventer
(Foto: Robert Hamblin/KykNet Kokkedoor)

Die finaliste het gearriveer, die Kokkedoor-stoor is klaar en die kameras is reg vir rol.

KykNET en die vervaardigers, Homebrew Films, is absoluut oorweldig deur die gasvryheid en warm (sjoe, dit is darem warm!) welkom wat hulle by al die inwoners tot dusver ontvang het.

Baie van Prince Albert se inwoners was direk betrokke by die bou van ons stel en die Kokkedoor-stoor - en dit lyk ongelooflik. Ongelukkig kan ons eers foto's heelwat later deel.

Nic van Wyk het die Saterdagmarkie sommer baie geniet en die lemonadestroop wat hy gekoop het, dien as 'n heerlike lafenis teen die hitte vir hom, Hetta en Mari tta Kruger.

Die finaliste het Woensdag, 20 Februarie, dinge begin uitkook vir die titel en kompetisie is baie sterk. Hoe s  hulle in Engels? "If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen!"

- Suzaan Keyter -

Hip and Happening Olive Festival

The annual Olive Festival dates are now confirmed, so best get your invitations out to friends, guests, family and visitors right away. Because this year is going to be the mother of all Olive Festivals!

With an exciting programme planned, the new festival committee is certainly demonstrating that new brooms do indeed sweep clean. The focus will be quality craft-stalls, fabulous food, and our world-famous hospitality all served up with plenty of style.

This is the town's chance to showcase its talent, its innovation, its old-world charm and its awe-inspiring setting. The Festival is designed to attract visitors to our town... to experience our unique and caring community, to give it a bit of a cash injection and to create some temporary jobs and opportunities for work experience.

If you have a talent, enthusiasm and a desire to show-off your town then get in touch with Zelia at the Tourism Office. You never know, you could be one of the star attractions.

Inspired by the *kykNET Kokkedoor* series (currently filming in Prince Albert), and building on local chefs' success at the

moonlight markets we're cranking up the culinary side of the festival. There'll be a whole lot more than chips on a stick and apricot jam on a boerewors roll to look forward too.

A craft market is planned for the Markie along with street food-stalls and comfortably shaded seating areas. There'll be country music, there'll be cool jazz and, if you have a band, there could be you! There'll be a coach tour into our beautiful Prince Albert Valley, wine and olive oil tastings and a cycle race from Abrahamskraal with some of the most breathtaking views of Prince Albert. And, of course, lots and lots more.

This 20th Anniversary Olive Festival fires up at 4pm on Friday 26th April and goes out at noon on Sunday 28th April.

We want to give visitors a real taste of Prince Albert ... hospitality, good music, great food and the very best Karoo experience. So diarise it now. Get your visitors to make their bookings sooner rather than later. And prepare to have the festival of your life!

- Festival Committee -

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PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT

KENNISGEWING NOMMER 12/2013

NOMINASIES VIR OUDITKOMITEELID

Kragtens die Munisipale Finansiële Bestuurswet, Artikel 166, word, aansoeke tans ingewag om kandidate aan te stel op die Ouditkomitee van die Munisipaliteit. Weens die verstryking van die bestaande ouditkomitee se termyn, het die vakatures ontstaan.

ROL VAN DIE OUDITKOMITEE

Die Ouditkomitee is verantwoordelik vir die advisering van die Munisipale Raad, die Rekenpligtige Beampte, politieke ampsdraers en bestuurspersoneel oor aangeleenthede rakende interne finansiële beheer en interne oudits, risikobestuurder, rekeningkundigebeleid, prestasiebestuur, doeltreffende bestuur, nakoming van finansiële- en ander wetgewing.

VAARDIGHEDEN IN DIE VOLGENDE GEBIEDE WORD VERLANG

- Toepaslike kwalifikasie en ondervinding op bestuursvlak
- Goeie organisatoriese en kommunikasievaardighede
- Bewese Interne Oudit ondervinding
- Risikobepaling ondervinding
- Finansiële bestuursverwante ondervinding, en
- Prestasiebestuur Ondervinding

AMPSTERMYN EN VERGOEDING

AMPSTERMYN – 2 JAAR KONTRAK. Die Ouditkomitee moet so dikwels vergader as wat nodig is om sy funksies te verrig, maar ten minste vier keer per jaar en 'n vergoeding van **R850 per sitting vir 'n lid van die komitee en R1 250 vir die Voorsitter**, word aangebied.

'n Kontrak sal met die suksesvolle aansoeker gesluit word. Die Munisipaliteit is onder geen verpligting om 'n aanstelling te maak nie.

Aansoeke tesame met CV's kan gerig word aan die Munisipale Bestuurder, Prince Albert Munisipaliteit, Privaatsak X 53, Prince Albert, 6930, voor **12:00 op Vrydag, 15 MAART 2013**.

Navrae: Die Munisipale Bestuurder, Mnr H Mettler.

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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE NUMBER 12/2013

NOMINATIONS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER

In terms of the Municipal Financial Management Act, Section 166, applications are hereby invited to appoint suitable candidates who are interested to serve as a member on the Audit Committee of the Municipality. Vacancies have arisen following the termination of the audit committee members term of office.

FUNCTIONS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has the responsibility of advising the Municipal Council, the Accounting Officer, political office bearers and management on different matters concerning internal financial control, internal audits, risk management, accounting policies, performance management, efficient management and compliance with financial- and other legislation.

PROVEN KNOWLEDGE OF THE FOLLOWING SKILLS

- Suitable qualifications and experience on a managerial level
- Have excellent organisational and communication skills
- Proof of managerial experience in Internal Audit
- Risk determination- and financial related management, and
- Performance management.

TERM OF SERVICE AND REMUNERATION

TERM OF SERVICE – 2 YEAR CONTRACT. The Audit Committee will meet as often as is required to perform its functions but at least four times a year and a remuneration of **R850 for a member of the committee and R1 250 for the Chairperson**, will be paid per session.

A contract will be entered into with the applicant. The Municipality is however under no obligation to make an appointment.

Applications together with a CV must reach the Municipal Manager, Municipality of Prince Albert, Private Bag X 53, Prince Albert, 6930, before **12:00 on Friday, 15 MARCH 2013**.

Enquiries: The Municipal Manager, Mr. H Mettler.

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PRINCE ALBERT

Ratepayers' & Residents' Association
Belastingbetalers- & Inwonersvereniging



MOST IMPROVED MUNICIPALITY

...but still falling short in the eyes of many ratepayers & residents

Shortly after assuming office in 2011 Executive Mayor, Councillor G Lottering, said he wanted to make Prince Albert one of the best-run municipalities in the Western Cape. A goal that this Association supported wholeheartedly. And, after recently receiving the *Most Improved Municipality Award*, that goal is now in sight.

But a number of service delivery, maintenance and communication issues still require attention.

Road maintenance, from North to South is a matter crying out for attention. When it rains, municipal employees fill in many of the potholes with gravel, only to have it washed away with the next rain. There are no pavements in North End and no gutters to direct storm water. Street names all over town are vandalised or indecipherable making it almost impossible to direct emergency services to those in need.

For close on two years our Association has been encouraging the municipality to use bulk SMS as a means of communicating important notices (e.g. power outages, water restrictions, public council meetings, etc.) to residents. But still the truck, the staff and the loud hailer are used. And while often thought "quaint" by visitors it is certainly neither the most modern or efficient means of speedy communication.

In a letter to the *Friend* in August 2011 the Mayor said that all would be done to ensure Prince Albert had a clean environment. But the litter along the northern approach to town still blows about unabated. And the rubbish flowing out of unsightly 'refuse hoks' that greets visitors to our town should be the bane of anyone seeking to promote tourism to Prince

Albert. And, although not visible to visitors, the municipal rubbish dump is a chronic eyesore to residents, and there appears to be no effective supervision.

Some months ago a crowd of green-clad workers swept the pavements, building up little heaps of rubbish that were never, ever collected. Rubbish on pavements all over town is now all too obvious.

In February last year Western Cape Agriculture made a payment of R24 000 to the municipality for the clearing of invasive alien cacti on the koppie. More than a year has passed, nothing has been done and the cacti continue to invade.

A report on the municipal traffic department is currently being considered by the Council, which we hope will be revealing. The 2012/2013 revised budget indicates an under-recovery of R1 500 000. There is also significant under-recovery of fines for the previous year. How could this happen? At the time of writing the PA Municipality has not had an audit committee for three months.

Communication between the municipality and the public is of the utmost importance and we miss "Vanuit die Raadsaal" when it doesn't appear in *The Friend*. It could have been used to advise residents that account payments were being brought forward last year and again when sewerage charges were introduced.

Section 58 of the Municipal Systems Act states: *A municipality must, on or before 31 October of each year, publish in the media the salary scales and benefits applicable to the posts of the municipal manager and every manager that is directly accountable to the municipal manager.* But despite two written requests (on 22/10/11 and again on 27/11/12) this has

not been done, leading to unnecessary public speculation and misconception.

Late in 2011, the Municipal Manager confirmed that the minutes of Municipal Council meetings would be available on file at the library. Sadly, the most recent minutes that can be seen are over a year old!

We are aware of the budgetary and staff constraints that face municipalities. But residents and ratepayers would still like to see our municipality graded as one of the best in the Western Cape.

This Association is more than willing to work with local government to assist in achieving that goal.

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PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 14/2013****VOORGESTELDE ONDERVERDELING**

**ERF 1835, DE BEERSTRAAT 8, PRINS ALBERT
VPM OPMETINGS
(namens ME. PAM WESSELS)**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 24(1) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **VPM OPMETINGS** (namens **ME. PAM WESSELS**) ontvang het vir die Onderverdeling van **ERF 1835, DE BEERSTRAAT 8, PRINS ALBERT**.

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **MAANDAG, 25 MAART 2013** bereik.

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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 14/2013****PROPOSED SUBDIVISION**

**ERF 1835, 8 DE BEER STREET, PRINCE ALBERT
VPM LAND SURVEYORS
(on behalf of MS. PAM WESSELS)**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 24(1) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application from **VPM LAND SURVEYORS** (on behalf of **MS. PAM WESSELS**) for the Subdivision of **ERF 1835, 8 DE BEER STREET, PRINCE ALBERT**.

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Municipal Offices, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objection, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **MONDAY, 25th MARCH 2013**.

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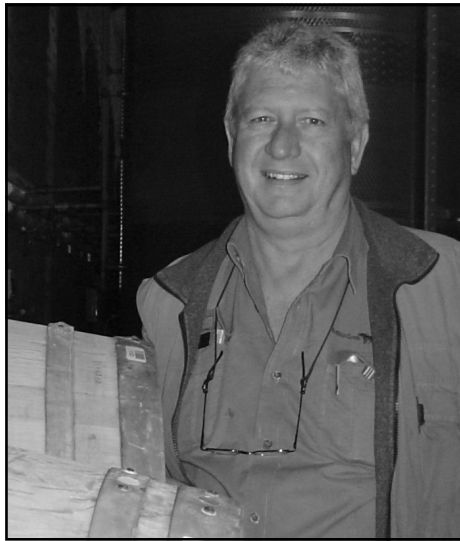
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Bergwater's New Winemaker: Jacques Kruger



Jacques Kruger, the new winemaker at Bergwater

In his teens Jacques Kruger thought he'd be a surfer and spend his life, "just lying in the waves."

So it took a little time, a lot of patience, a few trials and some errors before he matured into a wine-maker.

Jacques did his national service in the navy and followed that with various odd jobs and biking around South Africa before enrolling at Elsenburg Agricultural College in Stellenbosch. Because the one thing he did know for sure, was that a desk-bound job was not for him.

He completed a two-year Diploma in 1978 majoring in Viticulture, Pomology and Agronomy. And after a stint as a vineyard supervisor he joined a well-known Stellenbosch Estate in January 1981 as a cellar assistant/vineyard supervisor. And after just one week in the winery he knew that this was what he wanted to do for the rest of his life.

So dedicated was he that in 1985 he went back to Elsenburg for a two-year diploma in Cellar Technology and returned to the Stellenbosch Estate as Winemaker in January 1987.

Since then he has become well known in wine circles and boasts numerous international and local awards including *Veritas Gold* and *Double Gold Medals*. He was a founding member of the Cap Classique

Producers Association established in 1992 (a group of like-minded producers who shared a passion for bottle-fermented sparkling wines). And he gained valuable experience in Germany, France, California and Australia.

So how did he come to Prince Albert and, more importantly, to Bergwater?

Well years ago when he was driving buses to pay for his college fees he met Heimie Schoeman, who was also driving buses to pay for college fees. Years later they bumped into each other again and did a quick catch-up. (Heimie was then in aviation and Jacques in wine-making.) And so, when the Bergwater Cellar was in the initial stages of construction it wasn't surprising that Jacques got a call from Heimie asking him to come and make wine for them.

So, ten years ago, Jacques and his wife Adna came up to Prince Albert for a weekend. And loved it!

But the Cellar was a long way from completion and Jacques had a growing family to support. So they returned to Paarl where Jacques bought into a beautiful wine farm on the slopes of Paarlberg. And by the time the Bergwater Cellar was ready for him he was deeply committed to making a success of the Estate's wines.

But when Bergwater's wine-maker, Mariska Vorster, moved on the timing was just right. The Krugers' daughters were grown up and married, Adna had moved from her profession as a school teacher to a very good job with a Stellenbosch wine estate & hotel and Jacques was looking for a new challenge. So, at last, he joined Bergwater Wines in January this year.

Earlier, in Paarl, he had been producing wine under fairly primitive conditions. So it was a real pleasure, he says, to make wine in a cellar that was "not falling apart." Much of the equipment at Bergwater is hi-tech and automated giving Jacques the opportunity to get up close and personal with the Bergwater cultivars, to test the grape on the vine and to be hands-on with the current *Sauvignon Blanc* harvest.

Stephan Schoeman is the man in charge of

the vineyards, says Jacques. It's his decision when to spray crops, when to feed the soil, how much water to give, etc. And they have already established a good working relationship based on mutual respect for each other's talents and skills.

Jacques' winemaking philosophy is, and has always been, "to make wine naturally by helping the grape reach its full potential." And he does this in different ways depending on the cultivar, the time of year and always with an eye on the end product. He doesn't believe in "being too crazy with additives," and he knows he's going to have a good vintage when "the grape looks good on the vine and the vineyard is a happy one."

"I try to make wine as naturally as possible by just pointing the grapes in the right direction and not forcing the wine to be something it is not destined to be."

Jacques believes that the "snobbery should be taken out of wine and it should be a joy to drink." For him, to stand in an empty cellar knowing that his wines are sold out is what makes him happiest.

So, when can you look forward to tasting the fruits of his labours? Well the Bergwater white wines will be on the shelves in the latter part of this year and the reds around March of 2014.

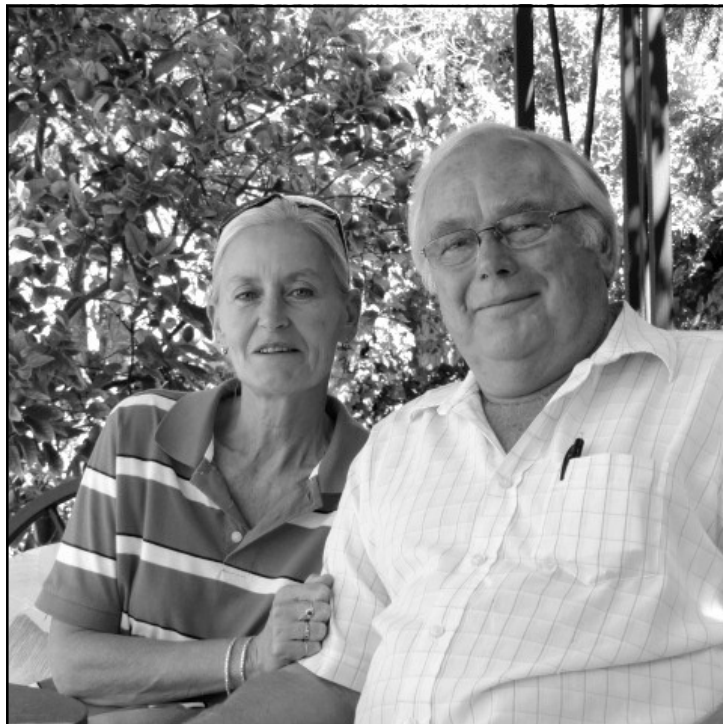
On a personal note – Jacques loves Prince Albert and is enjoying his new lifestyle. The only thing he misses is having Adna to sit on the stoep with him of an evening. And hopefully he won't have too many lonely times ahead as they are actively looking for work for her in Prince Albert so that she can join him here.

With the harvest coming in, he doesn't have too much time to brood. He's usually still at the cellar well after midnight, and in again by 5am to receive the freshly picked grapes while they are still cool and fresh.

So if you see Jacques in town, invite him over. You are sure to find he has all the makings of a fine Prince Alberter.

- Barbara Castle -

‘n Nuwe dokter en ‘n nuwe gastehuis



Charmaine en Theo Kriek in ontspanne luim in Sudden Comfort se pragtige tuin waar Theo graag spog met die heuningblommetjies wat hy self geplant het (Foto: Denise Ohlson)

Met die koms van Theo en Charmaine Kriek na Prince Albert is die dorp nou ‘n tweede algemene praktisyn ryker, en die deure van die pragtige gastehuis met die naam Sudden Comfort het wyd en verwelkomend in die hoofstraat oopgeswaai.

Die egpaar het Queenstown aan die einde van 2012 verlaat – waar Theo 32 jaar lank ‘n besige praktyk bedryf het en Charmaine die praktykbestuuder was. Theo het besluit om die pas stadiger te maak in die voorbereiding tot aftrede en Charmaine het haar lewensdroom van ‘n eie gastehuis kom verwesenlik.

Theo en Charmaine het op Prince Albert verlief geraak toe hulle Theo se moeder, Rina (gebore Schoeman), in 2010 op die ouderdom van 93, op ‘n nostalgiese toer na haar ou skoolgaandorp gebring het. Terug by die huis het hulle begin planne maak, en, vertel Theo: “Al was ek bitter baie lief vir my pasiënte en al was dit hoe swaar om te groet, weet ek ek is nou op ‘n plek waar ek my siel kan ontwikkel; waar ek rustiger kan lewe en my liefde vir fotografie,

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musiek en kosmaak kan uitleef.”

Theo is gebore in Estcourt en het op Newcastle skoolgegaan. Sy aangetrokkenheid tot mense, en veral kinders, het hom op medies laat besluit en hy het in 1972 as dokter gekwalifiseer by die Universiteit van Pretoria. Sy eerste praktyk was op Tarkastad, waar hy ses jaar lank gewerk het voordat hy Queenstown toe is.

Sy passie is om alle mense te respekteer en te verstaan. As hy egter blink, vet gesigte op die soustrein sien, raak hy skoon geïrriteerd... Hy hoop om betrokke te raak by die finansiële bemagtiging van skoolverlaters. Werkloosheid is 'n probleem wat hy graag sal wil aanspreek, want, glo hy, “deur werksgeleenthede te skep, word mense se selfbeeld en eiewaarde gebou”. Hy het veral sy oog op mense wat belangstel in die natuur. Self sal hy 'n bietjie wil gaan jag en ook hier en daar 'n pojie gholf speel...

Met sy spreekkamer nou volledig en funksioneel ingerig daar waar die ou Stander's Groentewinkel was, is hy ge-

reed vir 'n nuwe tydvak in sy professionele lewe. Pasiënte kan uitsien na toegewyde mediese diens – en sal deur Juanita Pietersen van agter die ontvangstoonbank verwelkom word.

Terwyl Theo sy laaste uittreemaande in Queenstown gewerk het, het Charmaine vrou-alleen omgesien na die ombouings en die inrigting van Sudden Comfort. Na al die harde werk geniet sy dit nou heelhartig om gasvrou te wees. Dit is vir haar gaaf dat mense aangetrokke voel tot die naam Sudden Comfort, afgelei van haar en Theo se gevoel van “suddenly comfortable under the Southern Cross” hier in die Groot Karoo. Dat haar kombuis asem wegslaan, is vir haar 'n groot vreugde en die twee kouvoëls wat sy as pap voëltjies met die hand grootgemaak het – die agtjarige Goldie en die vyftienjarige KC – trek ook baie aandag, veral as KC ewe kordaat “OK. Bye!” sê as gaste vertrek.

“Wat my na die dorp aangetrek het, is die leiwat en die stroom by Eerste Water. Ek en Theo gaan sit gereeld daar met ons voete in die water... it cleanses your soul while the majestic mountains hold watch.


Prince Albert offers us a relaxed lifestyle... in teenstelling met die verlede tyd waar 'n werksdag gestrek het van vyfuur in die oggend tot nege-uur saans.”

Charmaine, gebore in die ou Noord-Rhodesië, het die grootste deel van haar lewe in Queenstown gewoon en sy beskou haarself as 'n “organized person” met daadkrag en uithouvermoë. Sy is trots daarop dat sy haar dowe seun leer praat het sonder gebaretaal en dat hy in 'n “gewone” skool sy matriek kon slaag.


Die Kriek is 'n gemoedelike egpaar wat sonder huiwering by die dorp se doen en late inval – Charmaine het met 'n handvol kaartjies gereed gestaan by die Kokkedore se basaar... en hulle ondersteun die Saterdagmark se pannekoeke baie getrou!

Hulle is in 1998 getroud en tussen die twee van hulle is daar ses kinders: Theo se drie en haar drie. Vir kleinkinders wag hulle maar nog geduldig ...

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NAK hou Liefdadigheidstap



Lede van die Nuwe Apostoliese Kerk in Prince Albert stap in die hoofstraat af om mense bewus te maak van liefdadigheid (Foto: Denise Ohlson)

Die mense van Prince Albert het Saterdagoggend, 9 Februarie, verwonderd gesien hoe 'n groep mense 'n stille "optog" deur die strate van die dorp hou - van die Nuwe Apostoliese Kerk in Kronkelweg, af met Buitekantstraat, deur die hoofstraat, af in Luttigstraat, De Beerstraat en Meiringstraat langs en terug kerk toe via Voor- en Loopstraat.

Maar dit was geen optog nie: Dit was 'n inisiatief van die Nuwe Apostoliese Kerk wat hul gemeentes dwarsdeur die Wes-Kaap aangemoedig het om 'n "Stap vir Liefdadigheid" te organiseer en fondse in te samel vir 'n goeie saak.

Onder leiding van 'n paar ampsbroeders het Prince Albert se NAK besluit om

worsrolletjies te maak en saam met koeldrank te verkoop vir die nominale bedrag van R10... En R330 se geborgde broodjies, worsies, tamatiesous en koeldrank later, het die verkopery begin. Daarna het tien Sondagskoolkinders, tien volwassenes en nege jeugdige staptog aangepak onder begeleiding van twee verkeersbeamptes.

Die poging het R1000 opgelewer - wat Pieter Kamfer as gemeentelieder op Maandagoggend oorhandig het aan Johan du Toit, bestuurder van Huis Kweekvallei. "Ons is waarlik eg dankbaar vir hierdie bydrae wat een van vele gaatjies gaan toestop," sê Johan, vol lof vir die NAK se verrassende gebaar.

Aprilmaand het die kerk weer 'n veldtog: Die Sondagskoolkinders moet inisiatief neem en 'n plan beraam om fondse vir liefdadigheid te genereer. Dalk sien ons weer 'n groep "liefdevolle" stappers in ons strate!

- Denise Ohlson -

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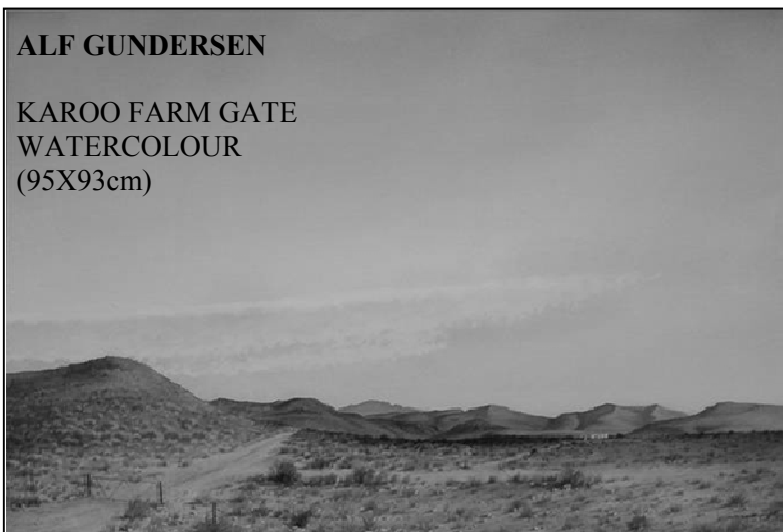
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Die Sonneblom Kiddie's College word 'n Werklikheid

"Geduld," sê Jeanetta Moos, hoof van die voorskoolse Klippiekids in Klipheuwel, "is 'n onderwyser se grootste bate. Jy kan 'n kind nie 'vinnig' leer nie. Nie eens jou bewegings moet haastig wees nie. Jy sê ook nooit die kind is verkeerd nie, jy sê kom ons probeer weer. Deur 'n goeie selfbeeld te bou, berei jy 'n kind nie net voor vir graad 1 nie, maar ook vir die lewe."

Op hierdie lees gaan Prince Albert se Sonneblom Kiddies College geskoei word. Die grond op die hoek van Langen Dahliastraat is in die proses om oorgedra te word aan die Omgee Trust wat in samewerking met Shiloh Synergy bouplanne gereed het en fondse bekom het om die eerste fase van drie klaskamers te bou waar tot veertig kinders tussen die ouderdom van drie en ses jaar volgens die beproefde JES program onderrig sal word. Die JES-leerplan is 'n kombinasie van Montessori-apparaat, die Jubileestelsel wat gebaseer is op die skeppingsverhaal in die Bybel en elemente van die Nasionale leerplan. Dit lê klem op uitnemendheid, skoonheid, orde en dissipline. Daar word speel-speel geleer lees, skryf en tel met die hulp van die innoverende opvoedkundige apparaat; kinders vorder op hul eie pas en kleinspieroontwikkeling vind terselfder tyd plaas.

Die Kiddies College is nie 'n skool waar die onderwyser voor 'n klas staan terwyl kinders stil en gehoorsaam luister nie. Die onderrigmetode is om te verduidelik hoe die apparaat werk, te beklemtoon dat dit met respek behandel moet word en te herhaal. Daar word ook sosiale lesse geleer en gebalanseerde etes voorsien. Kinders leer om apparaat self weg te pak en hul eie skottelgoed te was.

Volgens Schalk Burger (voorsitter van Shiloh) wat saam met Jeanette en Etienne van Wyk (inisieerder van die projek in PA) uit Kaapstad gekom het om die toeligtingsvergadering namens die Omgee Trust te lei, sal die onderwys nie gratis wees nie. Ouers en die gemeenskap moet eienaarskap van die skool neem en nie hul verantwoordelikheid

ontduik nie.

Die grootste bepalende faktor gaan wees om 'n projekbestuurder te identifiseer wat nie net entoesiasme en dryfkrag het nie, maar ook kan organiseer en deursigtig bestuur. Die projekbestuurder sal ook nou betrokke wees by die werwing van korporatiewe fondse – wat volgens Schalk volop beskikbaar is vir lewensvatbare projekte met 'n professionele besigheidsplan.

Die plaaslike komitee sal kan staatmaak op Shiloh se bewese rekord van agtien jaar se fondsinsameling vir hul werk in minderbevoorregte gebiede. JES sal die onderwysers (wat uit die gemeenskap moet kom) tien weke lank oplei, en daarna sal daar konstante indiensopleiding wees met gereelde besoeke. Mettertyd sal hulle ook verder opgelei word tot Vlak 4 en selfs Vlak 5.

Hoewel die trust die leerplan sal vasstel, het Schalk beklemtoon dat die trust nie die skool gaan bedryf nie. Die gemeenskap moet die projek teen die hart druk en die verantwoordelikheid vir die bedryfskoste van die skool aanvaar. Die behoefte vir vaardigheidsopleiding sal in die gemeenskap bepaal word. In Klipheuwel bied kundiges uit die Durbanville-gemeenskap vrywillige opleiding aan. Schalk kan byvoorbeeld sien hoe 'n naaldwerkklass in Prince Albert in die toekoms al die hemde van die plaaslike skole kan maak...

Die DNA van die hoogs suksesvolle Klipheuwel Skool is tot die beskikking van al die rolspelers wat by Prince Albert se Sonneblom Kiddies College betrokke wil raak. Inspirerende inligting is beskikbaar op www.shiloh.org.za

Schalk sê bestaande skole in Prince Albert hoef nie bedreig te voel nie, want daar kan net nooit genoeg skole wees nie. Die Here het hom 'n visie gegee van een miljoen kinders. Gebaseer op Matteus 18 glo hy 'n mens moet nie vra wat dit kos om in 'n kind te belê nie, maar of jy dit kan bekostig om nie in 'n kind te belê nie.

Die tweede skool word tans in Wallacedene opgerig... en as die eerste sooie in Prince Albert gespit word, sal dit vir hom 'n vreugdedag wees. Schalk sê Shiloh glo jy kan nie 'n kind uit 'n plakkershuis haal en in 'n plakkerskool sit nie. Die leerplan is saamgestel om kinders 'n opvoeding te gee gelykstaande aan die beste wat in 'n eerstewêreldland geld. Die uitgangspunt is dat elke persoon, ryk of arm, sy kind of kleinkind daarheen sal wil stuur.

'n Leuse van John Maxwell wat Schalk graag aanhaal, is: "Mense gee nie om hoeveel jy weet nie, totdat hulle weet hoeveel jy omgee."

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The Western Cape Government is urging guest accommodation to be star graded by the TGCSA

The Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism is ending its Tourism Quality Assurance Inspection Programme for tourism accommodation at the end of March 2013. The programme ensured that all accommodation establishments (and tour operators) registered with a tourism office in the Western Cape and not graded by the Tourism Grading Council of South Africa (TGCSA), complied with standards set by the Department in its effort to develop the Western Cape as a quality destination.

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism has instead signed a memorandum of understanding with the TGCSA to assess all accommodation establishments in the future. All accommodation establishments that have been assessed by the Department up to and including 31 March 2013 will qualify for free star grading by the TGCSA for the next 2 years starting on 1 April 2013. This rebate only applies to non-star graded establishments. Establishments already participating in the TGCSA programme will continue to do so at the prescribed annual fee.

At a workshop hosted by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in Mossel Bay on 7 February 2013, it was noted that there was no legislation to enforce star grading. The decision to be star graded remains optional. However, the Department and the TGCSA encouraged all accommodation establishments to join the TGCSA system before 31 March 2013 in order to qualify for the rebate being offered and to be assessed. There was no

clarity as to what would happen following the initial two-year period.

All of Prince Albert's non-star graded establishments were inspected by the Department of Tourism's Ilze Jacobs between March and May 2012. The assessment remains valid for two years. However, these establishments will still have to apply to TGCSA before 31 March 2013 to take advantage of the rebate offer. New accommodation establishments that started operating in the latter half of 2012 and the start of 2013 will have to ensure that they have been assessed by the Department by 31 March 2013 and then also apply to the TGCSA in order to qualify for the rebate.

For information contact Rod Douglas, Deputy Director: Tourism Support Services, Department of Economic Development and Tourism. Tel: 021 483 5067 or rdouglas@pgwc.gov.za

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Valentine's Day Dessert Platter at the Swartberg Hotel

I have never had fantasies about falling in love with a cook and then marrying her but while enjoying the Swartberg Hotel's Valentine's Day dinner earlier this month I nearly changed my mind. Had my good wife not been with me that night, I might very well have committed bigamy. From the first sip of free bubbly to the last slurp of dessert liquor, the evening was simply wonderful.

To begin with, the greedy part of me always has trouble deciding which starter to order and which of the mouth-watering desserts I would enjoy, because I want them all! I mean, how can you be expected to choose between fresh seared tuna with crème fraîche and dill cucumber on Melba toast, sundried tomato and cream cheese rolls, Thai green curry croquettes or watermelon in sparkling wine soup?

After initial panic, I was relieved and then delighted when I realised that I did not have to make any agonizing decisions at all because small portions of all of these arrived at our table on a large, beautifully decorated platter for two. Consequently we had them all!

Before I tell you about the main course, you should know that my three favourite foods are beef, mashed potatoes, choco-

late and red wine and that my wife is partial to chicken and pesto. Neither of us was disappointed. Despite the dim lights on this romantic occasion, there were long silences, punctuated by sighs and 'umms'.

I had the tenderest and most flavour-some beef fillet you can imagine, laced with chocolate, chili and red wine jus and accompanied by perfectly cooked mashed potatoes! For her part, Linda nodded approvingly at the chicken roulade stuffed with pesto and red peppers served with a discreet but yummy garlic cream sauce

Dessert was again an easy choice because just like the beginning of the meal, a large platter for two allowed us a taste of a heart-shaped, passion fruit cake, chocolate caramel truffles, mixed berry *granita* and melon schnapps.

Well done, Swartberg Hotel. You have again proved that Local is Lekker.

- André Jaquet -



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Kurt Buss – Argitek wat plan en plant

Die eerste huis wat argitek Kurt Buss vir homsêlf gebou het, het hy verlede jaar hier in ons dorp kom bou.

Met sy agtergrond as plaaskind en met grootwordjare in die gesin se kwekery (waar sy pa die septer geswaai het as internasionaal bekende rooskweker) is dit te verstane dat hierdie plannemaker sy ideale huis sou staan maak omsom van 'n tuin vol groente en kruie - en waar vrugtebome bloei en groei.

Sy pa, Hermann Buss, het in 1933 uit Duitsland na Suid-Afrika gekom as tuinboukundige en hier met die dogter van 'n Duitse sendeling getrou. Toe die oorlog uitbreek, word hy en sy gesin in 1945 na Duitland gedeporteer omdat hy nie 'n "subject of the Empire" wou word nie. In 1948 kon hy egter terugkeer na Suid-Afrika - en Kurt is in 1951 in Pretoria gebore, die jongste van drie kinders.

Hy word Duitssprekend groot, woon Duitse skole by, geniet sy jaar in die "Army" en begin sy argitekstudies by Tukkie's. Hy voltooi sy B. Arch by Ikeys en die volgende agt jaar werk hy by verskeie firmas om ondervinding in alle velde van die bedryf op te doen. In die onsekere oorgangstyd van 1994 is hy dapper genoeg om sy eie praktyk in Johannesburg te begin. Daarna werk hy in die Kaap, ontdek Prince Albert in 2006 en voel só tuis in die dorp dat hy besluit om hier 'n huis te koop - met die vaste voorneme om later permanent hier te woon.

Wat hy toe in 2012 regkry. "Die draaipunt in my lewe het gekom nadat ek in 2007 'n traumatise roofoanval rakelings oorleef het. Ek het besef 'n mens moet jou prioriteite in plek kry. Waar die ontwerp van multi-miljoenrand huise in Bantry Bay eers allebelangrik was, het my uitkyk verander en het ek begin streef na 'n vereenvoudigde lewe met inherente kwaliteit."

Kurt sien sy bydrae tot Prince Albert se geboueontwikkeling só: "Ek het onlangs gelees Prince Albert is die vinnigsgroeiende dorp in die land. Groei en ontwikkeling kan en moet ons nie keer nie. Maar ons moet die proses oordeelkundig bestuur. Ons moet sensitief wees vir die skoonheid

van die natuur en vir die waarde van 'n ongerepte landskap. Terselfdertyd moet ons geleenthede skep vir mense wat aspiereer na 'beter' - sonder om 'n tweede Franshoek of Greyton te word." Gelukkig, reken hy, voel spesiale soort mense aangetrokke tot die Karoo - mense wat nie die wye oop ruimtes, die bossieveld en die steroorlaaide naghemel "boring" vind nie. En, voeg hy by, die afstand wat ons van Kaapstad is, bewaar ons van opportunistiese ontwikkelaars en verveelde plesiersoekers.

Met die Suid-Afrikaanse Boustandaarde (SANS) wat nou landwyd al strenger toegepas word, is die uitdaging vir 'n argitek omvattend. "Regulasies in ons land is tans strenger as in Switserland. Teoreties mag 'n mens nie meer 'n tradisionele Karoohuisie bou nie. Daar moet dus slim beplan word rondom platdakke, venstergroottes en lig en skadu om aan al die vereistes te voldoen. Volhoubaarheid is die nuwe wagwoord."

Vir die Brasiliaanse argitek Oscar Niemeyer het Kurt groot respek en die werk van Amerikaner Richard Meier en die Meksikaan Luis Barragan bly vir hom 'n bron van inspirasie. Sy eerste groot projek in Prince Albert was Pastoriestraat 11, waar hy sy passie vir verbouing, om- bouing en restorasie kon kombineer. Tans is hy besig met vier nuwe huise en drie plaasontwikkelings. Hy is baie dankbaar vir die onverwagte bonus wat hy gevind het in die plaaslike rekenaartekenaar Quinten Tait.

In sy nuwe huis waar alles nou in plek is,



Argitek Kurt Buss, wat al vandat hy kan onthou sy lewe met worshonde deel, voor sy nuwe Karoohuis met die geliefde sewejarige Luna
(Foto: Gareth Williams)

en die tuin opbrengste begin lewer, kook hy graag Duitse huiskos en as hy uitgaan, is sy voorkeur Italiaanse kos. Die Karoolewe pas hom: "Ek glo 'n mens word geleentheid gegun en jy moet wakker genoeg wees om dit raak te sien en aan te gryp. Prince Albert is so 'n geleentheid vir my."

- Denise Ohlson -

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mense wat soveel kinders het as wat hulle beplan om te hê. Belangrik om te onthou, is dat sterilisasie nie VIGS genees of MIV-infeksie kan voorkom nie.

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Tienie Pietersen

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Tienie bly al haar hele lewe hier in Prince Albert. Van die Waaikamp het hulle verhuis na Nuwerus, van waar sy oor die rant geloop het om die skool in die Rooikamp by te woon. Sy was 'n voorslag-verdediger in Nuwerus se netbalspan en toe Jafta Pietersen oor haar pad kom, het sy so baie van hom gehou dat sy op 30 Desember 1955 met hom getroud is. Vier kinders, nege kleinkinders en drie agterkleinkinders later, is hulle nog gelukkig bymekaar.

“Toe ek onlangs so ernstig siek was, het Jafta my baie mooi opgepas. As ek my oë oopmaak, dan sit hy maar daar voor my bed. As ek die saak nou reg opsom, stel ons 'n goeie voorbeeld vir die hele Prince Albert van hoe 'n mens in een huis moet saamleef.”

Op 2 Februarie 2013 is die groot verjaarsdag gevier toe die St John's Saal volgepak was met partytjiegangers. “Die saal was tog te pragtig opgemaak,” vertel Tienie, “en die presente wat ek gekry het, met een woord wonderlik!” Pastoor Willie Joseph van Beaufort-Wes en Leraar Minnie van Merweville se verjaarsdagwoorde sal sy altyd onthou en dit was 'n riem onder haar hart dat “almal” daar was – aangekom van Upington, George, Worcester, Mosselbaai en Kaapstad.

Net die harde musiek en die baie geraas het haar bietjie gepla en sy het maar vroeg huis toe gegaan en dit vir die verjaarsdaggangers gegun om Slam Jam se musiek te geniet en die aand om te dans. En geniet het hulle dit want Tienie sê: “Die mense het dit só waardeer, almal het kom dankie sê.”

Tagtig jaar gelede, op 30 Januarie 1933, is 'n fraai dogtertjie in die ou Waaikamp hier in Prince Albert gebore. Haar ouers het haar Katriena gedoop en

Tienie se geloof is groot en sterk. Sy sê sy waardeer al die gebede tydens haar siekte baie opreg, want die kerkmense “het my sommer gesond gebid.”

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Die mooie troue van Sakkie en Simoné



Simoné en Sakkie (Foto: Lize van Rensburg)

Oktobermaand word nie verniet besing as die mooiste maand nie... Dis ook die maand van liefde; een wat in 2012 vir die familie Smit van Prince Albert en die familie Coetzee van George vele verrassings oplewer het.

Eers kry ons die tyding: Sakkie het 'n vriendin! Almal kyk verwonderd na mekaar, wonder wie en wat sy is, want hierdie boertjie laat nie met sy kop smokkel nie, wat nog te sê met sy hart!

Maar jou waarlikwaar, op 'n Dinsdag-aand kom sê die twee net hulle is verloof en trou in Januarie 2013. Hulle sê dit met glimlagte wat van oor tot oor strek en met oë wat blink soos die diamant aan Simoné se vinger.

Almal word nader getrek om te help en op 26 Januarie is alles gereed vir die groot fees. Familie en vriende staan vroeg op om 09:00 by African Relish te wees vir die huweliksplegtigheid. Hand aan hand, vrolik en vreugdevol, kom die twee aangestap, gevolg deur

agt strooimeisies en agt strooijonkers – almal geklee in die aardse kleure van die Karoo: wit, roomkleurig, kaki en grys.

Pa Sarel kry kans om Simoné amptelik aan Sakkie af te gee, waarna dominee Chris Briers hulle plegtig en seremonieel man en vrou verklaar onder die boom met die hangende hartjies wat op hierdie besonders pragtige somersoggend in die Groot Karoo so ligweg in die windjie wieg.

Die paartjie word gestrooi met blommetjies en blaartjies wat spesiaal vir die dag gedroog is en dan word daar vrolik glasies geklink op die nuwe egpaar en foto's geneem in die tuin terwyl vriende en familie verder by Prickly Pear gaan kuier en ligte verversings geniet – om vieruur die middag weer gereed te wees vir die onthaal by Bergwater.

Na 'n heerlike ete, dans en musiek, baie gesels - en selfs hier en daar 'n traan, is almal moeg maar geïnspireerd huis toe. Wat 'n wonderlike plaastroue!

Baie geluk aan julle twee, Sakkie en Simoné, mag jul huwelik altyd so vol vreugde wees soos jul troudag. Mag die breë glimlagte van jul groot dag altyd daar wees; julle oë altyd so blink bly en jul wange altyd so rooi wees van opwinding.

Namens die families hartlike dank aan almal wat die dag met ons gedeel het en dankie ook vir die geskenke en mooi wense.

Spesiale dankies gaan aan Jeremy en almal by African Relish - waar Simoné bly werk as chef, aan Jerry en Ria by Prickly Pear – waar die twee oorspronklik ontmoet het en aan die Schoemans van Bergwater - waar Sakkie ook werk.

- Lizzie Smit-

Baba Tocke Geboorte



Burnee-Sha Tocke is ma, Brumilda, en pa, Burnett, se oogappel

Ek onthou hoe kwaai Brumilda, my mede student in die Toerisme Ambassadeurs Program my aangekyk het as ek sê “dis 'n 3 Februarie baba, op my verjaarsdag”. Die ooielaar het anders besluit. Op Maandag, 4 Februarie, het Burnee-Sha Tocke, 3.5kg, luidkeels haar toetrede tot die nuwe wêreld gemaak. Pa Burnett Bosman en Ma Brumilda Tocke het elk 'n traan van vreugde gestort met die sien van die wonderwese.

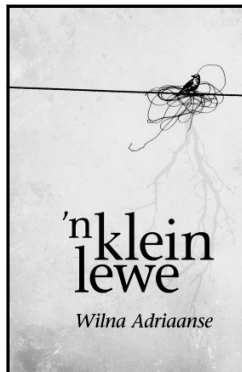
Ouma en oupa Magdalena en Isak Windvogel en oupa Koos Bosman het saam met hulle in die vreugde gedeel en sê hulle kan nie wag om die kleinding te bederf nie. Pa en Ma kloek behoorlik om haar en dit voorspel niks goeds vir enige 'future boyfriends' nie, maar vir hulle is sy 'n totale plesier.

Brumilda en Burnett wil graag hul dank betuig aan verpleegsuster De Klerk en haar bekwame span wat gehelp het met die geboorte van Burnee-Sha Tocke.

- Jeremia Prens -



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'n Klein lewe
deur Wilna Adriaanse

Met **'n Klein lewe** skryf Wilna Adriaanse haar storie van gewone mense wat grootgeword het in die apartheidsjare.

Vertel deur die stem van 'n middeljarige Afrikaanse vrou is dit die storie van die

volwasewording en groeiende politieke bewussyn van 'n vrou wat in die laat 1950's in Suid Afrika gebore is, grootword in die Kaap, studeer op Stellenbosch en as pasgetroude jong volwassene in Giyani in die administrasie van die destydse swart tuisland Gazankulu saam met haar man gaan werk. Ná 'n paar jaar trek hulle terug Kaap toe – sy is nou ma van drie seuns en haar man word stadsekretaris van drie swart woongebiede op die Kaapse Vlakte. Dis die '70's en '80's, die jare van politieke onrus, en die townships brand. In die vroeë 90's word die munisipale bestuurders uit die townships verjaag – ook die verteller se man. Hy begin later werk as projektebestuurder vir die Wêreldbank in Lagos, waar sy hom in Nigerië besoek.

Adriaanse, ook 'n skrywer van bekroonde liefdesverhale, skryf vlot en met 'n

goeie oog vir die fyn nuanses wat al die deeltjies van 'n lewe opmaak... Die vervreemding wat sy as witmens ervaar en die verdwyning van sekerhede oor wat dit is om 'n witmens in Afrika te wees, bly 'n deurlopende tema wat sy dwarsdeur die boek vleg... Met die aanhalings van skrywers wat elke hoofstuk voorafgaan en die verwysings na boeke uit die Suid-Afrikaanse en wêreldliteratuur wat die verteller deur haar lewe lees, dui sy aan wat die boustene van 'n politieke bewuswording was... Dis uiteindelik deur haar interaksies met ander en deur haar kinders wat vreesloos die wêreld invaar dat die verteller die bevryding ervaar van menswees tussen ander' (www.beeld.com)

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Gemeenskapspolisiëringsforum bedank Vrywilligers



Buurtwag lede: Voor vlnr Gert Botes, Adrian Kammies, Adrian Jansen, Daniel Ahrends, Poncherello Windvogel. Agter vlnr John Brits, Jan Arendse, Ricardo Slabbert en Freeman Williams

Met die geurige sop, hoenderpastei, bobotie en malvapoeding agter die blad, het kaptein David Claassen van die Prince Albert SAPS, 'n sertifikaat aan elke vrywilliger oorhandig. Hy het beklemtoon dat die polisie die hulp wat hulle van die Buurtwag kry, baie waardeer en dat hulle al in 'n paar sake belangrike inligting kon verskaf. Hy is oortuig daarvan dat die Buurtwag 'n waardevolle bydrae tot veiligheid in Prince Albert lewer en het hulle geprys met die woorde: "Dit is baie bemoedigend om te sien dat hierdie jong manne gewillig is om hitte, koue, reën en donker te weerstaan om hul diens teen geen betaling nie aan die gemeenskap te lewer."



Konst Vynzell Meyer, Cornelia Wicomb, Caroline van Schalkwyk, Sers Nico April, Dina Lottering en Caroline Adams (Fotos: Barbara Castle)

Die gemeenskap en die SAPS word ook bygestaan deur ander vrywilligers wat stilweg in die agtergrond 'n groot diens lewer. Caroline Adams, Cornelia Wicomb, Caroline van Schalkwyk en Dina Lottering werk al vir 'n aantal jare as lede van die Slagofferondersteuningseenheid. Hulle is altyd beskikbaar, selfs in die vroeë oggendure, om slagoffers van verkragting en aanranding by te staan en te ondersteun. Hierdie uiters emosioneel uitputtende diens word ook vrywillig verrig.

Aan al hierdie mense wil die GPF baie dankie sê - julle maak Prince Albert 'n beter plek vir almal. Ons waardeer jul onbaatsugtige diens en ons is baie trots op julle!

As lesers meer oor die Buurtwag en Slagofferondersteuningseenheid wil weet of betrokke by die twee organisies will raak, kontak Konst Vynzell Meyer of Sersant Nico April gerus op 023 541 8000.

Die grootste geskenk wat jy aan iemand kan gee, is jou tyd. Die Prince Albert Gemeenskapspolisiëringsforum sê dankie aan al hierdie mense wat vrywillig hul tyd sonder vergoeding opoffer om die gemeenskap van diens te wees.

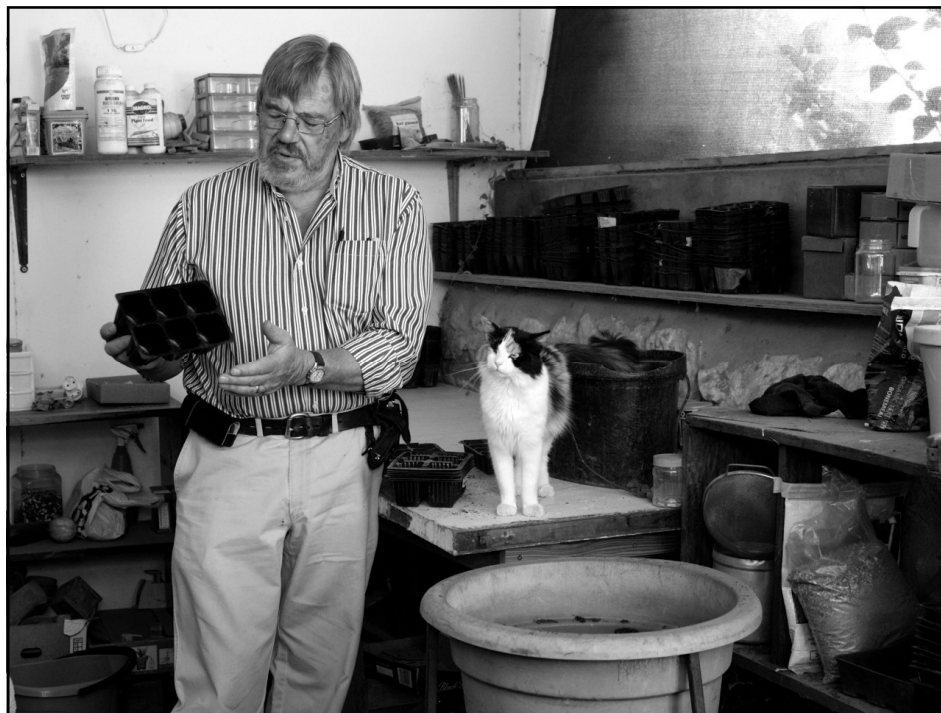
Op 31 Januarie 2013 is die lede van die Prince Albert Buurtwag deur die Gemeenskapspolisiëringsforum (GPF) heerlik getrakteer met 'n ete by die

Swarberg Hotel. Die GPF het gevoel dat hulle ná 'n jaar se troue, vrywillige diens verdien het om beloon te word.

John Brits, voorsitter van die GPF, is baie trots op die Buurtwagspan: Freeman Williams, Gert Botes, Piet Boksmen, Jan Arendse, Daniel Ahrends,, Adrian Jansen, Adrian Kammies, Richard Slabbert, Andrew Smith en Poncherello Windvogel.

- Linda Fodor,
Sekretaris, Prince Albert GPF -

Garden Club News: Visit to Dr Reinders



Dr Pete Reinders describes the preparation of planting vegetable seeds (Photo: Linda Jaquet)

It is not for nothing that Prince Albert GP, Dr Pete Reinders is affectionately called Pete 'Pampoen'. Because when he is not attending to his patients he is busy growing fresh produce for his popular stall at the Saturday market. That is why Garden Club members were so keen to learn more about the art of growing organic vegetables and fruit from the good doctor and his enthusiastic helpers, Megan, Richard and Freddie,

On a warm Wednesday morning in February twenty keen gardeners gathered around Dr Pete in his nursery where he demonstrated the meticulous preparation of potting mixture and planting trays and how he went about planting seeds. He stressed the value of planning and the need to be patient. "It's important that your veggie plants get off to a good start," he said. Dr Pete keeps a close eye on the newly-planted seed trays, popping out of his surgery several times a day to ensure that the trays remain damp.

He spends some time researching and

sourcing his vegetable seeds and admits that unusual and heritage seeds are hard to find locally and even in Cape Town. He orders his from the United States and the United Kingdom as well as from South African suppliers.

After four to six weeks the seedlings are ready for planting and Pete's wife, Megan and gardener Freddie Chauke take over. His son Richard contributes with compost and 'tea' from his three worm farms. He will soon start selling his worm farms locally.

The visitors joined the enthusiastic Reinders team for a guided tour of their extensive veggie garden and orchard. They learned more about tomatillos, yard-long beans, various kinds of chillies and capsicums, squash that is a favourite in Thailand, cherry guavas, as well as the ups and downs of growing vegetables and fruit in the Karoo. A Garden Club member was overheard musing, "Only in Prince Albert... but that's what makes living here so special."

Meeting in March

The Garden Club meets again on Wednesday morning, 6 March 2013, at 09h00 at 11 Pastorie Street, the home of Jill Gauntlett and Wendy Hanson. They have combined a well-established garden and bountiful orchard with their own newly-planted vegetable and flower garden. In a year they have worked wonders. For more information call Sue Goosen on 023 541 1558. Visitors are welcome.

The Garden Club welcomes new members. You need not be an experienced gardener to join as one of the goals is to learn from each other. The Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month. Keep an eye out for notices of meetings around the town and in the *Prince Albert Friend*.

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Hoe om 'n vermiste persoon aan te meld

Goeie nuus! Die wagtydperk voor 'n persoon by die Suid Afrikaanse Polisie (SAPD) as vermis aangegee kan word het verval! In die verlede was mense verplig om vir 24 uur te wag voor 'n persoon as vermis aangegee kon word. Nou kan die vermiste persoon aangemeld word so gou as wat die aanmelder of geliefde vermoed dat iets buitengewoon met die vermiste persoon gebeur het.

Die familie of geliefdes sal die eerste wees om te besef dat die vermiste met hom/haar kontak sou gemaak het indien hulle planne, afsprake of roetine verander het. Dit beteken dat hulle die eerste sal wees om snuf in die neus te kry. Hulle sal natuurlik die vermiste persoon se selfoon skakel en sy vriende en gereelde kuierplekke opsoek. As hulle nie daar regkom om die persoon te vind nie, moet hulle onmiddelik die Polisie se hulp inroep. Die saak kan by enige polisiestasie aangemeld word, nie noodwendig die stasie waar hulle vermoed dat die per-

soon vermis geraak het nie.

Al wat nodig is om 'n persoon as vermis aan te gee, is die basiese inligting aangaande die vermiste persoon, verkieslik ook die mees onlangse foto van die persoon. By die stasie moet 'n SAPS 55(A) vorm ingevul word en al wat die aanmelder moet doen is om 'n vrywaringsvorm, wat die polisie beskerm teen vals aanmeldings, te teken.

Sou die vermiste persoon gevind word, moet die aangemelde persoon persoonlik die saak kanselleer by die polisiestasie waar die aanmelding plaasgevind het, of so nie by die ondersoekbeampte wat die saak ondersoek.

Kaptein David Claassen, Prince Albert se stasiebevelvoerder, het gesê dat dit die nuwe benadering is in die lig van die tragiese aantal vermiste kinders in ons land. Statistieke bewys dat dit uiters noodsaaklik is om onmiddelik na vermiste kinders te begin soek en vas te stel of hulle slagoffers

van misdaad is of nie. Hy sê kosbare tyd gaan verlore wanneer families en bure na die mense soek eerder as om die polisie onmiddelik te betrek. „Die polisie is die beste toegerus om te bepaal of die persoon 'n misdaadslagoffer, 'n beseerde by 'n ongeluk of om een of ander rede gearresteer is. Dit is hoekom dit so belangrik is dat die ondersoek na die vermiste persoon dadelik begin moet word.“

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Residents plan the future of Prince Albert

Earlier this month residents of Prince Albert and Klaarstroom were invited to attend two-day workshops devoted to improving their neighbourhoods. They were run by the provincial Department of Local Government in partnership with the Prince Albert Municipality. The aim was to draft neighbourhood improvement plans focused on projects that were dear to residents' hearts.

Japie Kritzinger, enthusiastic facilitator of the Prince Albert workshop, explained that area based planning has several goals: to focus government's attention on specific areas in a municipality that are under developed, to encourage community involvement in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), and to provide a clear picture to the community of what government – national, provincial and local – is doing in terms of service delivery. As such it offered a unique opportunity for residents to have a real say in the future planning of their neighbourhoods.

There were about 30 participants at the Prince Albert workshops representing the Municipality, local Associations, and various communities. Mayor Lottering, Councillors Jaftha and Bower together with Heinrich Mettler, Pedro Oliphant and Heinrich Esterhuizen also attended which helped lend *gravitas* to proceedings giving delegates a sense that their voices were being heard.

After walking the various Wards and interviewing residents at large, the delegates separated into groups to identify and prioritise the needs of the various wards. After robust debate two 'anchor' projects were agreed on (1) a safe house for victims of domestic violence and (2) a multi-purpose community centre. These were directed to Pedro Oliphant, Community Services Officer, to develop and include in the town's IDP.

Next up were group discussions to identify achievable projects that would benefit the

community and assist in achieving their hopes for the town. There followed a strict voting process which declared the building of a community swimming pool as the most urgent, followed by the upgrading of pavements and the greening/beautification of the town.

Kritzinger told the *Friend* that of the five municipalities in the Western Cape he had facilitated, Prince Albert's had produced the best strategic vision. This he attributed to residents sharing similar ideas and hopes for the town and the buy-in from community members. He also noted that the projects proposed were realistic and achievable and felt that it was important that the community see physical change. Kritzinger's report on the outcomes of the workshop will form the basis of an area plan for the IDP for Prince Albert due to be finalised at the end of March 2013.

- Linda Jaquet -



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Lost in Oscar Pistorius frenzy, the horrific violence against women and children continues

In South Africa, “life as normal” involves daily violence against women. Rebecca Davis takes a look at some of the stories that got lost in the Pistorius frenzy.

Butterworth, Eastern Cape, 9 February. It’s a Saturday night, and a 110-year-old woman is sleeping alone in the house she shares with her 22-year-old granddaughter. At some point after 20:30, a man enters her house, pulls the woman from her bed on to the floor, and rapes her. He briefly breaks off, and she thinks the ordeal may be over. Instead, he returns with a knife to ensure her silence while he continues. Only when the woman’s granddaughter is heard outside the yard, does he get up and flee. Police questioned a man matching the woman’s description of her rapist on 11 February.

Carletonville, Gauteng. On 25 February, 12 men were expected to appear in the Carletonville Magistrate’s Court. They are part of a group of 15 men in total who are accused of having gang-raped a 23-year-old woman on 20 February. The woman was walking home with her friend when they were allegedly set upon by a group of men, who hit her over the head before dragging her to bushes nearby. Her friend escaped. The 23 year old was allegedly raped by at least 12 men in the bushes, before being dragged to a nearby shack where another three men then proceeded to rape her.

Tzaneen, Limpopo, 16 February. A two-year-old child is allegedly abducted by a 29-year-old man, a friend of her father’s. He allegedly took her into the bushes, raped her, and abandoned her there. A man was arrested on 20 February and appeared in the Tzaneen Magistrate’s Court.

Heilbron, Free State, 22 February. Nine youths, aged between 15 and 19, appear in the Heilbron Magistrate’s Court. They are accused of having gang-raped a 24-year-old woman, who was walking home with her husband after a family gathering. Her husband was able to escape, and ran to contact police. The woman was reportedly found near an open field.

Kimberley, Northern Cape, 22 February. It is announced that the 16 year-old boy who is accused of having killed a Griekwastad

family last April will now face an additional rape charge. The youth allegedly shot dead farmer Deon Steenkamp, his wife Christelle, and their 14-year-old daughter Marthella. The state now contends that he raped 14-year-old Marthella before killing her. His trial will start on 11 March.

Herbertsdale, Western Cape, 15 February. A 49-year-old woman enters the Kwanonqaba police station to report an act of domestic violence. A 52-year-old police constable on duty listens to her complaint. Then he allegedly locks the station’s front door, drags the woman to the trauma room, and rapes her. When the woman reported the matter to the same police station the next day, she was assured by a different policeman that police officers would be sent to her home to listen to her account. They never arrived. Subsequently the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) was made aware of the incident. The constable was arrested on 20 February.

Atlantis, Western Cape, 18 February. Twenty-year-old Melandri Bukkies is home alone. A man – allegedly her ex-boyfriend, against whom she had an interdict – enters the house and stabs her to death. The *Cape Argus* quotes local councillor Barbara Rass as saying that Bukkies’s murder was the second in the area within a week. “We’ve lost two girls – both inside their own houses,” Rass said.

Phoquhalo, KwaZulu-Natal, 15 February. A 41-year-old man is arrested for having repeatedly raped his 12-year-old stepdaughter. After the girl fell pregnant, community members approached the police with their suspicions last October, but when police questioned the girl’s family, vehement denials ensued. A paternity test confirmed that the father of the girl’s child was her stepfather.

Ga-Rankuwa, Gauteng, 21 February. The dead body of an eight-year-old girl is found near a shopping complex. Mabutho had gone missing on her way home from school four days previously. Two men have been arrested.

Winterveldt, Gauteng, 14 February. The dead body of 75-year-old Kate Legodi is

found at her home. She had been hacked to death. The suspected murderers are her two sons. The younger son – aged 40 – had been adopted by Legodi. While his older brother was arrested, he went on the run.

Grabouw, Western Cape, 20 February. Two men accused of having raped the 22-year-old daughter of a Grabouw councillor are released on R500 bail each. The *Cape Times* reported that the woman considered the alleged rapists to be good and trusted friends. “I feel ashamed and dirty,” she reportedly said. Her father was opposed to the two men having been granted bail.

The crimes listed above likely represent only a fraction of the full number of incidents of violence against women that have taken place in South Africa only over a few days. Rape, in particular, is believed to be massively underreported – by some estimates as few as just one in nine rapes are reported. Many of the violent murders and rapes listed here would have warranted only a few paragraphs tucked away in the inner pages of South African newspapers. In fact, it generally takes a rape or murder characterised by extreme levels of violence or particularly grotesque details – like that of Anene Booysen – to warrant a front page. That, or the involvement of a very high-profile protagonist.

Even if newspapers were to resolve to report all violent attacks on women and rapes, it’s likely they would simply run out of space. Lerato Moloi of the Institute of Race Relations said last week: “If data for all violent assaults, rapes, and other sexual assaults against women are taken into account, then approximately 200,000 adult women are reported as being attacked in South Africa every year.” She added: “The real figure is in all probability considerably higher.”

The grim truth is that violence against women in South Africa is so prevalent that individual cases are often not even particularly newsworthy. They are just a part of daily life.

**Sapa (the South African Press Association) provided the information on the majority of cases listed in this article.*

The original article by Rebecca Davis was published by the Daily Maverick on 25 February 2013 – www.dailymaverick.co.za

KKNK se Rivierbuurt: Bekostigbaar, vir die hele Gesin

Met dieselfde toegangspryse by die Rivierbuurt as verlede jaar én die jaar vantevore, gee die Absa KKNK inflasie 'n uitklophou. Vanjaar bied die Rivierbuurt selfs meer waarde as in vorige jare.

Toegang tot die Rivierbuurt kos slegs R100 vir die volle duur van die fees (nege dae) of R40 per dag. Toegang aan kinders jonger as 15, wat deur 'n volwassene vergesel word, is gratis. Die Uitvoerende Hoof van die Absa KKNK, Brett Pyper sê dit is aansienlik goedkooper om 'n weekkaartjie te koop indien jy 'n besoek van meer as twee dae aan die Rivierbuurt beplan.

Feesgangers kan in die Rivierbuurt kies tussen twee verhoë, die nuwe 10 tot 10-verhoog en die Son Bash Top 40-verhoog, wat beide van 10:00 tot 22:00 optredes aanbied.

By die 10 tot 10-verhoog gaan onder andere Elizma Theron, Heinz Winckler en Gerrie Pretorius sorg vir lekker lyfswaai, terwyl die Son Bash Top 40-verhoog die plek is om Emo Adams, The Rockets, Dr. Victor and the Rasta Rebels en Karin Kortje in aksie te sien. Meer as 400 stalletjies, asook 'n reuse pretpark en verskeie feeskroeë voltooi die vermaak spyskaart in die Rivierbuurt. Behalwe dat die verhoë in die Rivierbuurt se programme tot 22:00 loop, sal stalletjies ook tot dan oop wees.

Pyper sê verder die tye van die Rivierbuurt is aangepas op versoek van feesgangers met gesinne wat 'n bekostigbare en veilige omgewing wou hê waar hulle die hele dag kan uitspan.

Maar die goeie nuus oor bekostigbaarheid is nie net tot die Rivierbuurt beperk nie. Die Programbestuurder, Theo Kemp, sê daar was die afgelope twee jaar ook geen grootskaalse prysverhogings vir produksies nie. "Die pryse by die Absa KKNK is steeds baie kompetend," sê Kemp.

Ander belangrike inligting rondom pryse:

- *Rymklets van Oos tot Wes* met onder andere Agemi & Earl, Hemel Besem en Hakkiesdraad op 4 April om 18.00 by die Vredestraat Sportterrein is gratis.
- Baron van Reedestraat word tydens die fees omskep in 'n gratis speelpark vir die kunste. Buiten uiteenlopende musiekoptredes word pop-up restaurante en rusplekke, waar jy getrakteer word op stories en gedigte, asook groot driedimensionele kunswerke beplan.
- Studente met geldige 2013 studentekaarte kry 20% afslag op geselekteerde kaartjies. Toon bloot jou studentekaart by 'n Computicket-tak om hiervoor te kwalifiseer.
- Groepe van tussen 20 en 49 kry 10% afslag op kaartjies, terwyl groepe van meer 50 of meer 15% afslag kry.
- Vir die Huisgenoot Musiekplaas is daar familiepakette. Met pakket 1 kan 'n ma, pa en een kind vir slegs R200 die Musiekplaas besoek. Vir 'n bykomende R50 kan twee ouers en twee kinders toegang kry.

Die volledige program is beskikbaar op die Absa KKNK se webtuiste by www.absakknk.co.za en kaartjies kan by Computicket-takke, aanlyn by www.computicket.com of by enige Shoprite of Checkers gekoop word.

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Lag 'n bietjie vir Afrikaanse skerp- skerters by KKNK

"Tannie Tilla van die platteland het nog nooit vir Melt Sieberhagen in sy gewone klub-*environment* sien optree nie. Maar nou vat ons vir Melt na 'n teater of 'n fees toe, so nou kan tannie Tilla daar vir hom kom kyk."

Só sê Kosie Smit, teatervervaardiger van die twee skerpskerts-produksies wat hierdie jaar by die Absa KKNK aangebied gaan word deur grappenderwys na 'n fiktiewe "Tannie Tilla" as sy teikenmark te verwys.

Dit is vanjaar die eerste keer dat dié fees die geleentheid bied vir Afrikaanse skerpskerters om gehore se lagspiere met hul skerpsinnighede te kom kielie.

100% Volroom Melt is Melt Sieberhagen se eerste solo stand-up komedievertoning wat reeds verlede jaar gedebuteer het, en *Rocken Skerp* kombineer die spitsvondige humor van ses jong Afrikaanse stand-up komediantes met die bekende rock-musiek van onder andere Valiant Swart en Laudo Liebenberg.

Smit sê egter dat dit nie sommer in enige kunstenaar se broek sit om stand-up komedie te doen nie. "Dit is soos sang. Jy moet 'n talent hê daarvoor. Jy moet mense kan laat lag. Dit is gewoonlik die grapg*t in die klas wat stand-up doen...Jy moet die komiese in goed kan sien." Hy verduidelik dat stand-up alles behalwe die vertel van grappe is. "Jy moet met jou eie verwysingsraamwerk die draak kan steek... anders kan dit maklik *politically incorrect* raak.

"Jy praat uit jou hart uit oor goed waarvan jy gewoond is en dinge wat jy ken, en dan maak jy dit snaakser." Dus is daar nie spesifieke temas wat hulle takel nie. Elke skerpskertser het sy eie "houding of attitude" wat dien as sy handelsmerk.

Smit is baie opgewonde oor die twee produksies en sê: "As die gehoor nie lag nie, dan doen ons nie ons werk nie."

Tickets for classical program at KKNK 'almost sold out'



Jan-Erik Swart, writer and director of the *Alleluia! - Hymns concert*

Visitors to the Absa KKNK prefer to laugh. And surprisingly, to listen to classical music. This is what ticket sales show for Oudtshoorn's Afri-

kaans arts festival that will take place from 29 March to 6 April 2013.

Comedies usually have a big attraction at the festival, says programme manager Theo Kemp. But he never expected that tickets for one of the new classical productions would sell so quickly.

Tickets for the *Alleluia! — Hymns concert*, a debut production at the festival, are almost sold out. "It is uncommon for a classical program to be this popular," said Kemp. "In all probability we will have to add an additional performance to accommodate the demand."

The *Alleluia! — Hymns concert* will take place on Easter Monday, 1 April, in the beautiful St Salvator Cathedral in Oudtshoorn. Jan-Erik Swart, classical curator for the Absa KKNK and the Klein Karoo Klassique, is the director of the concert. A mass choir and the University of Pretoria Symphony Orchestra is set to

perform familiar classical and Easter compositions inside the massive cathedral - built in the form of a crucifix with huge stained glass windows at the end of each of the four arms of the cruciform.

Choirs to be seen on stage include: The George Male Voice Choir, the Southern Cape Children's Choir, the Klein Karoo Choir, the Langenhoven 'Viva Musica' group and the Wesbank Children's Choir. Voldi George, Appassionata and Nandipha Nikani will also add their voices to the concert.

Tickets for the Absa KKNK are available from Computicket.

For more information visit the website: www.absakknk.co.za

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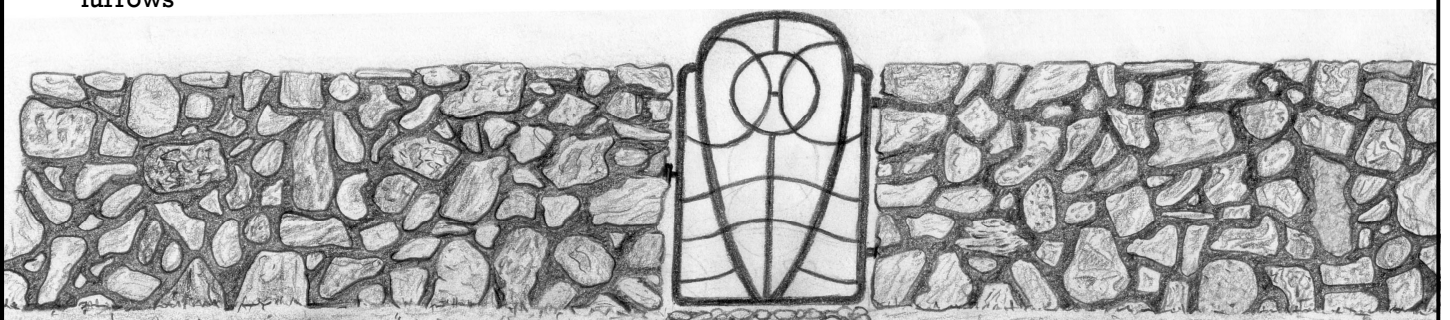


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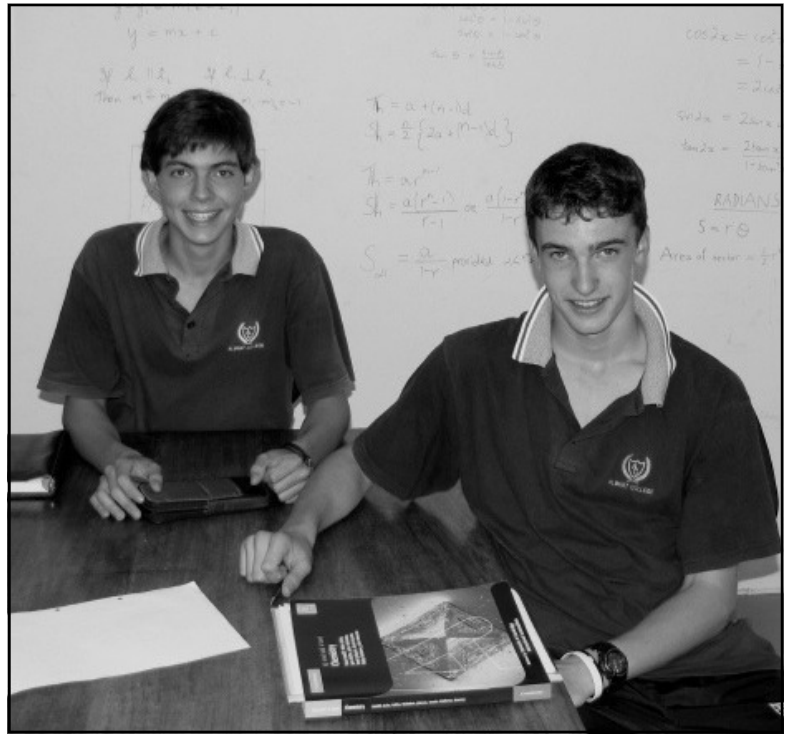
Geoff and I thought we had come to Prince Albert to retire, but before we could sit on our stoep, we were persuaded to teach both the Cambridge IG-CSE and AS courses in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry at Albert College.

We found our two friendly and polite pupils, Matthew and Joshua, to be dedicated students as well and it was a pleasure to be involved with their education.

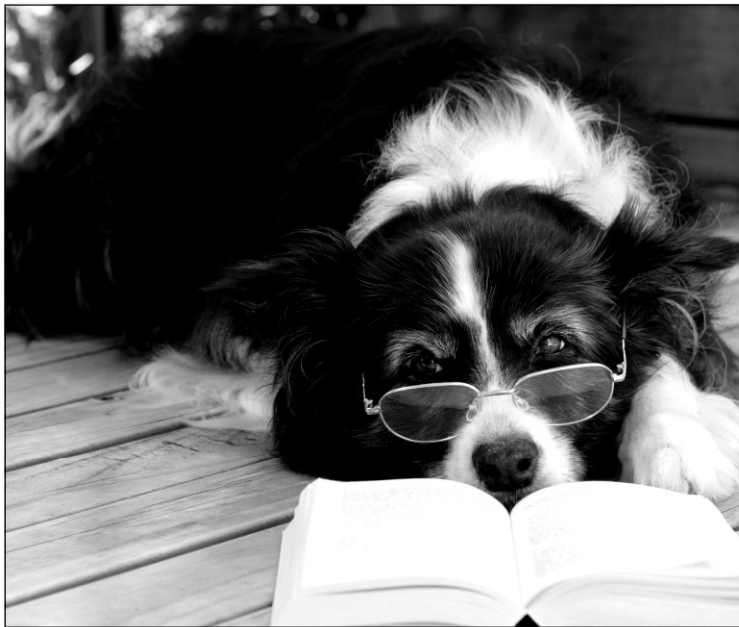
In the final 2012 Cambridge AS examinations Joshua obtained a distinction in Mathematics and Matthew distinctions in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

We wish them both the very best in their further studies at the University of Cape Town where Matthew is studying Mechatronics and Joshua Civil Engineering

- Geoff and Patricia Yeo -



Matthew van Heerden and Joshua Swanepoel (Photo: Patricia Yeo)



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Kleure - Atletiekbyeenkoms



Die Goudspan was vanjaar se wenspan
(Foto: C Smit)

Vanjaar se kleure-atletiekbyeenkoms by Hoërskool Zwartberg was weer eens 'n vrolike mengelmoes van kleur en sang. Vir sommiges was dit ook 'n vreemde ervaring, want verlede jaar was hulle nog deel van die Goudspan en van-

jaar is hulle ewe skielik deel van die Rooispan of andersom. Volgens Mary-Ann Voster, 'n Gr. 11-leerder wat vanjaar lid van die Rooispan was, was dit effens van 'n skok omdat sy daarvan gehou het om in die Goudspan te wees. "Goud is mos duur!" sê sy, "maar dit was darem lekker om 'n slaggie soos bloed te wees."

Daar is lekker met mekaar meegeding op die baan en veld en verskeie atlete het baie goed presteer. Carol Bruce en Sussanna Jonkers het die beste punte van die dag tussen al die meisies behaal met hul deelname aan die 1 500m-wedloop. Hulle was dan ook onderskeidelik die Junior en Senior Victrix Ludorum. Emilio Jantjies en Corbin Pienaar was onderskeidelik die Junior en Senior Victor Ludorum.

Aan die einde van die byeenkoms was dit die Goudspan wat die kroon gespan het deur as die wenspan van die puntebeker en die geesdriftbeker aangewys te word. Komaan Rooispan, volgende jaar is dit julle beurt!

S.O.K. – Atletiekbyeenkoms



Brendon Tala (Foto: C Smit)

Hoërskool Zwartberg het Saterdag, 2 Februarie, aan die S.O.K.-atletiek-byeenkoms in Uniondale deelgeneem. 'n Span van 37 leerders het die oggend vroeg per bus vertrek om aan die

62ste S.O.K.-atletiekbyeenkoms te gaan deelneem.

Ten spyte van die felle teenstand van die ander vier skole, Hoërskool McLachlan van Joubertina, Hoërskool Wittedrif, Hoërskool Paul Sauer van Kareedouw en die gasheerskool, Hoërskool Uniondale, het die Blitzers baie goed gevaar. Ons het verskeie derde en tweede plekke asook 'n paar eerste plekke behaal. Een van die uitstaande atlete was Rochelle Adolf wat skitterend die 800m- en 1 500m- wedrenne gewen het. Verskeie atlete het tweede en derde plekke ontvang.

Almal het die dag geniet, maar was baie moeg na die byeenkoms en kon nie wag om weer by die huis te kom nie. Ons sien uit na volgende jaar se byeenkoms, want dan is ons die gasheerskool.

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Oudtshoorn-Skole Atletiekbyeenkoms

Op Saterdag, 16 Februarie, het die atlete van Hoërskool Zwartberg aan die Oudtshoorn skole atletiekbyeenkoms op Oudtshoorn gaan deelneem.

Dit was 'n warm dag, maar dit het net verseker dat die atlete goed kon presteer. Die uitstaande Zwartberg-atleet was weer eens Rochelle Adolf wat uitstekend gevaar het in die 800m en 1 500m. Daarom kon sy altwee die wedrenne maklik wen. Emilio Jantjies het ook goed presteer en

gewen in sy spiesgooi-item.

Van die ander leerders wat ook goed presteer het, was Stefan Arens, Brendon Tala, Michell Jacobs en Edward McDonald.

'n Oudtshoorn-skolespan sal later saamgestel word.

Die Nuwe VRL van Hoërskool Zwartberg



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Valentynsdag by Kroonhof Koshuis



Morné Hendricks en Sinethemba Skeyi
(Foto: C Smit)

Dis, 14 Februarie, Valentynsdag. Vanmiddag is daar geen studie-uur nie. Die eetsaal word versier. Slegs 'n paar uitverkore kreatiewes het toegang. Dit woel en werskaf daarbinne. Ons ander wonder net.

Die klok lui tussen opgewonde gilletjies van die meisies wat verras is met hul 'date' se uitrusting. Wie het gesê die manne kan nie ook tooi nie? Die paartjies kom in en dit is duidelik dat niemand enigiets ontsien het met vanjaar se tooiery nie.

Ja, die saal is baie mooi. Wit en rooi 'crinkle paper' en balonne versier die dak en mure. Rooi servette vrolik die tafels op.

"Sjoe, maar is die kinders nie pragtig nie!" merk Tannie Marika op. As koshuis-matrone is sy, mev McKnight, mnr Dokter en mnr Van Reenen daar om die mooiste paartjie, besgeklede dametjies en besgeklede jongmans aan te wys.

Die besgeklede paartjie is Morné Hendricks en sy metgesel, Sinethemba Skeyi. Almal was pragtig! Van die ou kleinste graad eentjie tot die oudste graad twaalf leerder.

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INAUGURAL FERNSKLOOF TRAIL RUN



Diederik le Grange and his dog, Klapper, test a section of the Fernskloof Trail Run (Photo: Diederik le Grange)

Fernskloof Wines in the Prince Albert Valley will host the first Fernskloof Trail Run on Saturday, 1 June 2013. The race is the brainchild of the winery's, Diederik le Grange, himself a keen trail runner, who describes road-running as "boring."

The 15km race includes climbs, some of which are rather steep, and descents of the koppies on the picturesque Angeliersbosch and neighbouring farms. The trail leads through vineyards, streams, water tunnels and past three kloofs, Fernskloof, Ganskloof and Diepkloof. It also includes a jeep track. Diederik says that 70% of the trail is single-track and both experienced trail runners and beginners will enjoy the experience.

"Enjoyment of the run surrounded by the beauty of nature is what trail running is all about," says Diederik, "and that's why I want to keep the day simple. Trail running is associated with doing things on your own steam." MediClinic is the main sponsor of the event and will provide medics and medical facilities. There will be refreshments and toilets but runners will carry their own water and will not need to be registered with any official athletics governing body. And instead of getting an oversize t-shirt never to be worn, adult entrants will receive a complimentary pack of three bottles of Fernskloof wine valued at R180!

Trail running is growing in popularity all over the world and according to Diederik, "it's the in thing in South Africa at the moment." For those of us new to the

sport, it is rather like cross country running that was often compulsory at school once upon a time. However, cross country running usually takes place over relatively short courses on grass fields and in parks. Trail runners say the physical and spiritual benefits of their sport are many and that one is holistically much fitter.

Diederik is inspired by the book, *Born to Run*, by Christopher McDougall, which he says is what his trail is all about. McDougall tells of his and other runners' efforts to understand the Tarahumara Indians of Mexico, who live quietly in canyons and are reputed to be the best distance runners in the world. For centuries they have practised techniques that allow them to run hundreds of miles without rest while enjoying every mile of it. McDougall's message is that humans are designed to run long distances but are hampered by external factors, such as thick-soled running shoes and the modern ethos of 'no pain, no gain'. McDougall believes that the essence of running should not be grim determination, but sheer joy.

The Fernskloof Trail Run's entry fee for adults (18 years and over) is R260.00 while entrants who are 17 years and younger pay R80.00.

Online entries at www.trailrunning.co.za close on 25 May 2013. Late entrants at Fernskloof on 31 May 2013 pay an additional R40.00. For more information contact Diederik on 023 5411 702 or via email at diederiklg@hotmail.com / Website: www.facebook.com/FernskloofWines

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